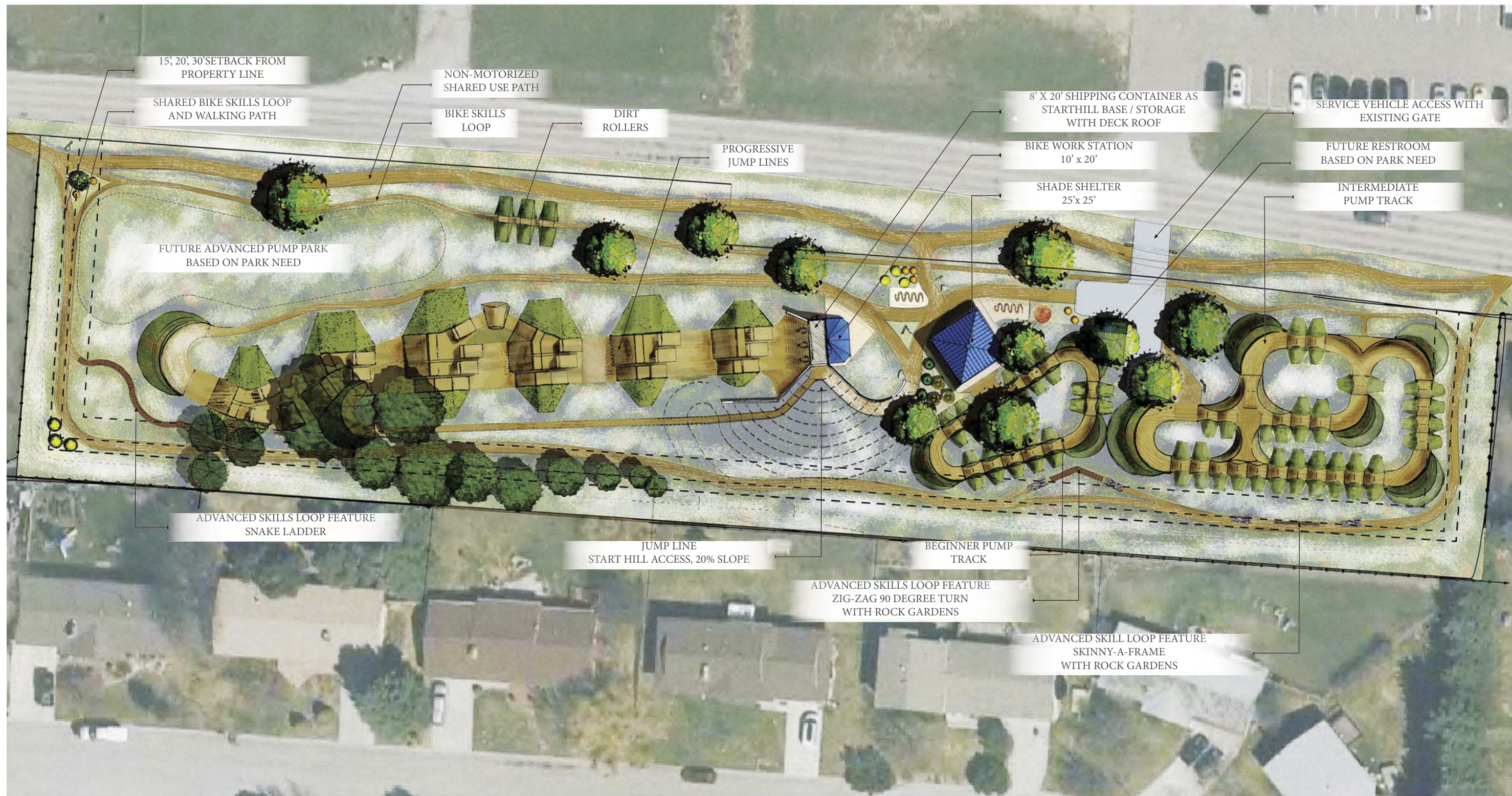


Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council
General Membership Meeting, April 30, 2017
Messiah Lutheran Church

Leadership Team Members Present: Doug Grimm, Bev Young, Bill Ruediger, Robin Carey, Breanne Ender, Andrea Stierle, Hans Hoffman
 Others Present: Jane Kelly, Office of Neighborhoods; Karen Gasvoda, Neighborhood Office Assistant; Bryan von Lossberg and Heidi West, City Council Ward 1, about 60 residents of the Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood; presenters indicated below.

WHO	ITEM
Laval Means, City Planning Service Manager	Laval invited neighbors to participate in a public Design Excellence Workshop, Tuesday, May 2, 5:30 – 8pm at the Holiday Inn.
Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator	Grant application process: Jane talked about large(\$3000) and small (\$500) grants; small grants are awarded monthly and large grants awarded once/year. Leadership Team elections: Robin Carey’s term is up and he agreed to continue on the leadership team. There were no others interested in running, so Max Andersen moved that we re-elect Robin Carey and Robin Poole seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to re-elect Robin Carey.
Jamie Jonkel, Wildlife Management Specialist	He spoke about bear activity: we can get up to 40 bears in the Rattlesnake Valley. There’s still a mountain lion active in the area, working in the perimeter areas. Conversation turned to urban deer and any ways we could try to control them. Missoulabears.org website is where we should report bear sightings and neighbors that are leaving out bear attractants. Electric fences are the best way to keep bear out of yards. Bear activity has decreased in the last decade but there are still “bad bears” who have escalated their level of intrusion. Apples are the driving force. Backyard chickens have also led to bears and mountain lions having to be killed by FWP. No urban grizzlies yet. Contact Jamie Jonkel through the FWP website.
Robin Carey and Dave Strohmaier	Small Grant for Powerline West Trail, Large Grant Application for Creekside Trail from Duncan Bridge to Sawmill Gulch Robin Carey got a \$500 grant from the City Office of Neighborhood Councils and the Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council also gave \$700 from its budget to work on the trail under the powerline along Fox Hollow Drive, from Rattlesnake drive to the trail along the east side of the creek. Robin and Morgan Valliant spoke about this project and the need for volunteers to assist with gravel spreading on June 10 or 11. A sign up list for volunteers was made available. Robin also spoke about a grant application to improve about ¾ mile of the trail along the east side of the creek, from the footbridge up to the north end of the “hobby farm” fence. Motion to approve the grant submission by Hal Braun and seconded by Andrea Stierle. Discussion: Dave Strohmeier, County Commissioner spoke about the county being a partner in these types of projects. The county also has a budget (\$50,000) for trail work annually and there’s trail bond funding project. Dave met with Missoula District Ranger last week to talk about trails. With the Missoula ownership of Mountain Water property, Missoula will get 40 acres around the creek that might allow some trail realignment. . Some residents thought that improving the trail might invite even higher bicyclist speeds and pedestrian interactions. .Some bike etiquette education and signage would be helpful. There is a joint USFS – City seasonal bicycle ranger starting a week ago Motion for the grant application was approved by 36 to 5 vote.
Hans Hoffman and Bob Giordano, joint transportation committee (URNC and LRNC)	Hans Hoffman is on the committee. Bob Giordano spoke about the joint transportation committee efforts and distributed a handout listing 20 issues that have been raised. There’s an upcoming meeting of this committee May 9. Many UR residents raised the issue of parking along Lincoln Hills Drive when there are activities at the ball field. And now the Syringa bike skills park will bring added parking issues. The 3 way stop at Rattlesnake Drive and Lincolnwood is confusing and should be addressed. Mention of adding one lane near the Railroad crossing to help with the summer 2018 routing of traffic to the west side when the Van Buren roundabouts and Missoula Avenue construction work is underway. Need a stop sign on Front Street near the north end of the footbridge.
Shane Stack, Montana	Schedule for the Van Buren roundabouts: The Van Buren roundabouts are

<p>Department of Transportation, Missoula Project Engineer</p>	<p>supposed to be constructed in 2018. They are acquiring rights of way currently and may award the project next winter with construction potentially starting April 2018. Most of the work could be completed in one field season. Shane discussed details of the design and answered questions. If there are comments about the design, then folks can go onto the MDT website and comment there. The roundabout construction will not close Van Buren, except maybe very short term.</p>
<p>Heidi West & Bryan von Lossberg, City Council members</p>	<p>Bryan heard the concerns about parking around Syringa bicycle park and the nearby school district ball fields. He also spoke about the acquisition of Mountain Water and the possibility of using the 40 acres near the dam along Rattlesnake Creek for trail realignment. The issue of trails on open space lands was raised some trails are approved, some not, some closed, etc.; comments should be directed to Morgan Valliant and the Open Space Advisory Council. Concern about parking at the trailheads on Duncan Drive, accessing both the North Hills and the footbridge across the creek. If parking spaces could be defined better it would help. Concern about snow plowing and leaving berms in the middle of the streets, especially bad on school bus routes where kids must climb over the berm. Brochures were handed out on responsible dog ownership.</p>
<p>Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items</p>	<p>None</p>



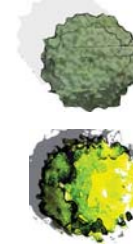
SYRINGA PARK, BIKE SKILLS PARK

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