

Lower Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes

Date: September 8, 2019

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Greenough Park

1629 Monroe Street

Missoula, MT 59802

Ice Cream Social

Refreshments was provided by Baskin Robbins and paid for with LR neighborhood funds.

Greenough Park Future

Trails, weeds, stream channel - written update from Missoula Parks & Recreation - Morgan Valliant could not attend but sent an email which Katherine Auge read. A partnership with Trout Unlimited and Missoula's Stormwater Utility has developed to repair and stabilize the bank and fix the drainage of Cherry Cut across the commuter trail. Hoping the project moves forward this fall pending permitting and contracting. This project involves laying the bank back to match the section of rebuilt bank upstream. Regarding weeds, for the past 20+ years, the weeds in Greenough Park were hand-pulled led by neighborhood volunteers organized by John Pierce. A few years ago he decided he could no longer keep up with Greenough. Each season City employees spend time hand pulling weeds in the park, but spot spraying is also used.

Roundabout Beautification and Safety - MDT Bob Vosen, District Administrator (acting) Bob Vosen did not show at the general meeting. June Sipel spoke about a fall she had due to drainage issues on the Van Buren roundabout this past winter. She is looking for anyone else who has similar issues. There was a general discussion on areas of drainage issues.

Rattlesnake Transportation Plan Update - Bob Giordano

Bob spoke about the Transportation Committee that consists of both Lower and Upper Rattlesnake. They meet every second Tuesday of the month in the City Council Chambers. They have been working to update the plan that was written over 10 years ago. They would appreciate your input by filling out their survey which you can access through the City webpage. From there you go to neighborhoods and select Upper/Lower Rattlesnake neighborhoods. This survey will be available until the end of October 2019.

City Council Reps Q &A Including Railroad Quiet - Bryan von Lossberg & Heidi West

There are several Lower Rattlesnake Neighbors concerned with the Taylor Street Whistle. It is often a noise disturbance, especially in the middle of the night. Bryan discussed a Quiet Zone process for that whistle. This is a process that he will pursue. There was also discussion about the train intersection at Madison and Spruce and congestion. There is further concern of snow removal in the area. Bryan & Heidi brought news of 4 new snow plow trucks to help with smaller residential streets in addition to increased staffing. Please report pot holes on the city site.

Large Grant Workshop Applications

Danny Tenenbaum led the discussion on neighborhood grants. We have until October 29, 2019 to submit an idea for a \$6,000 grant. Ideas of trees between Holly & Van Buren, reflecting mirrors at intersections, historic signs, landscaping. Please email the leadership team with ideas for the grant.

Public comment on non-agenda items.

There is a project taking water measurements in the Rattlesnake Creek before and after the dam removal and the public is welcome to be involved in.