

Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council Leadership Team

Zoom Meeting, May 17, 2021, 5:30 PM

1. **Attending, URNC Leadership Team:** Bill Ruediger, Terri Roach, Bev Young, Kathy Gaskill, Andrea Stierle
Others: Colin Woodrow, Missoula Neighborhoods; Dan Doyle, Leslie Vaculik
2. **Approve meeting minutes** of March 30, 2021: Terri moved that we accept them, Bill seconded and all approved.
3. **Upper/Lower Rattlesnake Transportation update:** Dan Doyle. The transportation plan has been updated after a review of several years. Questionnaire made widely available and they developed a priority list. The draft plan is completed will be sent to leadership teams of UR/LR first. Posters will be made available & announcement via social media. Comments taken for 30 days; revisions then & on to City Council for their input and approval. Implemented when funds become available & in conjunction with other UR projects (e.g. road work/striping).
4. **Barrow Pit Trail status:** Bill Ruediger/Terri Roach – There are no funds from Cornerstone Homeowners Association for this trail work. Mary Louise Zapp-Knapp thought that impact fees (\$20,000) were available but they are not. However, there are potential funds available through MT Fish Wildlife and Parks Trails Stewardship program and Recreational Trails Program. Mark Reinsel (President of Cornerstone Homeowners Assn.) has strong connections with these programs and will write a letter of support if we decide to pursue this. Once we determine a current estimate for a modified version of the 2010 engineering plan and if we have City engineering support, Terri is willing to help with the grant applications. Bill sent letter to Donna Gaukler at Parks & Recreation and Colin shared Donna's response. Recommend the first step is to check with Kevin Slovarp, City Engineering. Kyle at DJA has experience with public trails. Ask for a remote meeting with Kevin Slovarp.
5. **Powerline Trail Crossing signs:** Terri Roach worked to have these signs installed near the trail crossing south of Tamarack. She thinks the southbound sign placement is not effective because it's too far away. However there are two crossing areas: one at Tamarack/Fox Hollow and one in the middle of the fields. Concern about young bikers participating in Parks and Rec derailleur program organized by Meg Whicher. Colin suggested to reach out to mountain bike groups & bike/ped groups. Colin will also mention to Ben Weiss. We encouraged Terri to reach out to these groups, whose contact information was shared by Colin:
<https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/directory.aspx?EID=18>
Meg Whicher, Rec Program Manager

<https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/428/Bicycle-Pedestrian>
Bike Ped Board
<https://www.mtbmissoula.org/team>
MTB Missoula
<https://montanacyclocross.com/>

6. **Annual funds remaining & possible uses:** Currently we have available \$752 general funds & \$800 Mail Supplement which we can use/commit before the end of the Fiscal Year, June 30. Discussed using funds for neighborhood gathering or returning to City funds. Outdoor, in-person gatherings may be limited by City policies. Colin anticipates that there may be changes to the allowed gathering policy by June 14. Colin needs to know by end of May whether we will be returning funds. Bev suggested that we have a gathering with an ice cream truck to raise awareness of URNC and recruit new members. Colin says as long as we commit the funds via a contract we could have the event after the end of June. Bev moved and Kathy Gaskill & Bill Ruediger seconded that we have an UR neighborhood gathering this summer either at Ten Spoon or Pineview Park and hire an ice cream truck. Motion passed. Suggestion for 10 minute introduction & have side tables about projects.
7. **Community Forum Report:** Community Forum meets on Thursday, May 20 by Zoom and they are striving for monthly meetings. Ben Weiss will present on neighborhood traffic issues and greenways. We will receive updated bylaws via email. **Kathy Gaskill is our alternate community forum representative to replace Doug Grimm when he can't attend Zoom meetings.**
8. **Missoula Neighborhoods Report:** Colin told us about the neighborhood profiles project using GIS, spatial aggregation/demographics. The intention is to update these every 2 years. Also, there will be a neighborhoods council orientation & "how-to" packet for leadership teams coming out soon.
9. Public comment on non-agenda items – none.
10. Announcements – none
11. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Beverly Young, Secretary URNC