

Lower Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council General Meeting Minutes

Date: January 28, 2015

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:10 pm

Location: Missoula International School (Prescott) Gymnasium
1100 Harrison Street
Missoula, MT 59802

Leadership Team Members in attendance: Bob Giordano, Carol Elsen, Peter Lesica, Paul Hendricks, Martha Newell, Kathy Tonnessen (Newly Elected) and Katherine Brady (Newly Elected)

Others in Attendance: Jane Kelly, Neighborhood Coordinator, Mike Haynes, Director of Development Services, Topher Williams, Community Outreach Coordinator, Bill Squires, MDT and Wayne Gravatt, Traffic Services Coordinator. There were roughly 70 people in attendance.

At 6:00 pizza was served to attendees and Jane Kelly gave a brief overview of the history of Neighborhood Councils. She passed out copies of the City of Missoula Charter and gave an update on the organization of NC's.

At 6:20 the representatives from the Ambassador Program gave a brief report about the purpose of their organization and how it functions. Three student representatives from the U of M spoke of their involvement in the program begun in 2012 by ASUM as a student initiated program. Students answered questions from the NC as to how the program worked in specific scenarios.

6:25 Mike Haynes gave an update on the Growth Policy currently being revised. This 15 month project is in the stage of Focus Groups which people are welcome to join as well as an upcoming general presentation. See www.ourmissoula.org to give input and learn more.

6:45 Leadership Team elections. Katherine Brady nominated herself to the standing slate (Carol Elsen, Peter Lesica, Paul Hendricks, Bob Giordano, Martha Newell, and Kathy Tonnessen and the 7 members were unanimously approved by a voice vote.

6:50 Peter Lesica presented a report from the ad hoc train noise committee. He encouraged folks to fill out a survey on their feelings about train horns. He presented

two options for altering the Madison Street crossing to create a lower noise impact. Jason Weiner presented various options for funding such a project.

7:10 LRNC formed a new Transportation Committee under leadership of Bob Giordano.

7:12 Wayne Gravatt from the City Signage Division presented a report on crosswalks and the city's rationale for installing them. He claimed the City will not paint a crosswalk on Van Buren because there are not enough pedestrians crossing to warrant installation and upkeep.

7:30 MDT under leadership of Bill Squires presented a PowerPoint and update on the noise wall and I90 Roundabout construction expected to cost \$6 million and be completed in 2017. Public comment is still welcomed at www.mdt.mt.gov.

8:00-8:05 Public comment:

- On wildlife management in Rattlesnake NC.
- Also comments were made on sidewalks which are planned to be installed on Rattlesnake drive from Van Buren to Lolo Street. The project is in the transportation plan and needs to be constructed for safety.

8:05 Topher Williams from Mountain Line gave a report on some of the improvements to the bus transportation system and explained rationale for decreased service to Rattlesnake area. Bus service will be extended in many areas to 10 pm.

8:25 Adjourn

Minutes submitted by Carol Elsen