

Minutes from Upper Rattlesnake Leadership Team Meeting November 18, 2025

Attendees:

Upper Rattlesnake Leadership Team members: Terri Roach (Co-Chair), Andrea Stierle (Co-Chair), Jeani Alonzo Adams (Treasurer and Transportation Committee Representative), Judy Molland (Co-Secretary), Kathy Gaskill (Co-Secretary). Other Attendees were Kalina Pritchard (Neighborhood Specialist), Dave Everingham, Upper Rattlesnake resident.

1. Terri called the meeting to order. Judy made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2025 meeting; minutes were approved.
2. The first item scheduled to be discussed regarded Zoning and Planning. There were not any residents in attendance who wanted to discuss this issue.
3. Jeani emailed Aaron Wilson, Transportation Planning Manager, regarding safety issues due to the number of cars parked on Lincoln Hills Drive when there are soccer games. Jeani asked Aaron if there was a possibility of using Neighborhood Grant funds to install a painted crosswalk to slow traffic. Aaron said it was not viable to use Grant funds for the project however he said there is an undertaking to work with the Fire Department to install a “speed cushion” to slow traffic and be serviceable for fire engines. Terri emailed the MCPS Office regarding traffic safety issues during Hellgate soccer games which was forwarded to Superintendent Micha Hill and the head of Maintenance. She inquired if it would be possible for the school district to expand the parking area if they sell one of their properties not in use.
4. The Neighborhood Grant Proposal to install a “Little Library” is currently on hold awaiting further clarification and information.
5. Train horn noise and a Train Horn Noise Survey were discussed next. The Survey is to determine if there is enough interest/support with property owners in the Lower Rattlesnake and nearby areas to create a Special Improvement District (SID) to help fund train horn mitigation improvements.
6. The Lolo Street Bridge replacement project is on track to begin in 2026 as far as we know.
7. Prospective topics and speakers for the Upper Rattlesnake General Meeting slated to be held in April were discussed. Suggestions included an update on the Lolo Street Bridge Replacement Project, Ward One City Council Representatives Eric Melson and Betsy Craske, a representative from the Planning and Zoning Committee and a representative from MCPS regarding the results of their property and building audit and plans going forward.
8. Kalina said the main discussion at the Community Forum Meeting focused on zoning.

9. Jeani reported Dan Doyle from the Transportation Committee thanked her and Terri for making contact with the City and MCPS regarding traffic safety issues on Lincoln Hills Drive when there are soccer games. Issues the Transportation Committee are looking at include making neighborhoods more walkable and connected, widening pedestrian and bike lanes on Duncan Drive for safety and having bus service on Duncan Drive.
10. Kalina reported the Upper Rattlesnake has \$767.81 in the budget. In addition to using funds for the General Meeting in April we will let Doug know he can be reimbursed for costs associated with doing the sandwich board signs for the meetings.
11. The next meeting will be December 16, 2025.
12. Kathy made a motion to adjourn and Jeani seconded.