



## **ETHICS COMMITTEE**

### **FINDINGS**

#### **September 29, 2020 Jeni Dodd Ethics Complaint**

On February 3, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., the Ethics Committee for the City of Great Falls held a public hearing to consider the September 29, 2020, Ethics Complaint by Jeni Dodd alleging conflict of interest and ethics violations by City elected officials and employees related to the Big Sky Country National Heritage Area Inc.

Present at the hearing were Chairperson Carmen Roberts and Members Katrina Stark and Robin Beatty, and Alternate Member Justin Grohs. At that time, the Committee was presented with a staff report including Attachments 1-12 (as if fully set forth therein), as well as testimony, received written comment, and opened the matter to public comment.


Based on the information and testimony presented, the Committee's deliberation, and pursuant to OCCGF § 2.21.100, the Ethics Committee found that:

1. Ms. Dodd's claims that the City violated Montana Code Ann § 2-2-121(2)(a) by accepting funds on behalf of the Heritage organization appear not to be substantiated.
2. Ms. Dodd's claims that the City violated OCCGF § 2.21.050 by accepting funds on behalf of the Heritage organization appear not to be substantiated.
3. Ms. Dodd's claims that the City violated Montana Code Annotated § 2-2-121(2)(a) by using staff time and resources in support of the Heritage organization appear not to be substantiated.
4. Ms. Dodd's claims that the City violated OCCGF § 2.21.050 by using staff time and resources in support of the Heritage organization appear not to be substantiated.
5. Ms. Dodd's claims that the City violated Montana Code Annotated § 2-2-121(2)(a) by using City facilities for Heritage organization board meetings appear not to be substantiated.

6. Ms. Dodd's claims that the City violated OCCGF 2.21.050 by using City facilities for Heritage organization board meetings appear not to be substantiated.
7. Ms. Dodd's claims that Bill Bronson violated Montana Code Annotated § 2-2-121(5)(b) by traveling to Washington D.C. to meet with Montana's Congressional Delegation on behalf of the Heritage organization appear not to be substantiated.
8. Ms. Dodd's claims that Bill Bronson violated OCCGF § 2.21.050 by traveling to Washington D.C. to meet with Montana's Congressional Delegation on behalf of the Heritage organization appear not to be substantiated.

DATED this 3 day of February, 2021.

CITY OF GREAT FALLS ETHICS COMMITTEE



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Carmen Roberts, Chairperson