

Neighborhood Council 7

September 11, 2017

Civic Center – Gibson Room, 7pm

Council Members in attendance were, Lisa Meyers, Gudrun Linden, Troy Lane and Trevor Mikkelsen. Sandra Rice was absent, Patty Cadwell Neighborhood Council Coordinator was present as well.

7:00 p.m. Lisa Meyers called the meeting to order and led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

Old Business:

Minutes of August meeting were moved to be adopted by Troy seconded by Gudren, carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Downtown Development Committee: Gudren attended the last meeting. The Downtown Strategic Plan was presented. Budgets were discussed. Major projects were discussed. Signal light box art was also discussed. There are two more boxes to be done soon. The parking garage and increase of the rates was discussed. Currently the parking structures are not sustainable.

Police Report: No report was available. Lisa is our appointee from this council, she will contact the Chief of Police tomorrow to get clearance to attend the upcoming meetings.

Brownfield Committee: Gudrun reported that there were no new proposals to discuss at this time. Brett Doney volunteered that there were grants available from the EPA as well as the Brownfield grants and that those grants have been attainable.

Downtown Safety Alliance: Sandra has been quite active in this committee and will report when she is next available.

Council of Councils: No report was available.

New Business:

Brett Doney presented that this is the 15th year of the Great Falls Development Authority. Over the last 15 years Great Falls wages have moved from 67% of the national average to 74% of the national average. Cost of living has remained constant at 93% of the national average over this same time. There is a ballot measure on the November ballot that will ask voters to fund a development fund of up to 3 mills per year. This money will be used to close deals for business startups in Great Falls. October 19 and 20 Great Falls will host the state downtown conference.

Other Business:

None proposed.

Public Comment:

Gudrun asked about getting lighting added in an alley. Troy suggested that would be a good topic for the upcoming Downtown Safety Alliance meeting on either Sept 12 or Sept 26.

Sheila Rice gave a presentation of the Beargrass Village development being constructed on the old Kranz property. It will be a community of 14 homes in an area that would normally house 7 homes.

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 by Gudrun, seconded by Troy, carried unanimously.

Next meeting October 9, 2017. No agenda items suggested at this time.