

Neighborhood Council 7

October 9, 2017

Civic Center, Gibson Room, 7:00 p.m.

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

Old Business:

Minutes of the September 11, 2017, meeting were moved to be adopted by Troy, seconded by Gudrun, carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Downtown Development Committee: Gudrun reported on the 10th Annual Montana Downtown Conference scheduled for October 19-20, and passed out information on the Conference. The Conference was the main topic of business at the Committee meeting. There was also a discussion of the parking garage concerns.

Brownfield Committee: The Committee does not have available funds assist with abatement. The Committee is currently applying for an assessment grant. It appears that the Committee waits for a request then applies for money to complete the request.

Policy Advisory Board: Lisa reported that at the last Board meeting, Chief Owen discussed the policies and procedures that are in place regarding an officer involved shooting, in light of the recent incidence in Great Falls. There are several processes in place to help involved officers and the community. Officer Adam Hunt, in attendance to present his Community Policing Report, reinforced Lisa's information.

Downtown Safety Alliance: Sandy shared the information she has been presenting at the other Neighborhood Council meetings. She will continue to attend the other Council meetings throughout the fall to explain how the Alliance working towards a more vibrant downtown. The Coins for a Cause project, which is trying to alleviate downtown panhandling, was explained. Several other projects are set to be introduced to the community in the spring, in correlation with the April cleanup, the Farmers Market, the Ice Breaker Run, and other spring events.

New Business:

Officer Adam Hunt presented the four-month Community Policing statistics reports. Most of the problems in the Council 7 area are alcohol related. Adam noted that he had approached several businesses that sold alcohol and reported improved cooperation.

Other Business:

Lisa will attend the Council of Councils meeting on Tuesday, October 24, and will report on the items we've discussed over the past few months. It was decided to request that the Rocky Mountain Building be put on the agenda for that meeting.

Sandy moved to adjourn at 8:02, seconded by Troy, carried unanimously.

Next meeting Monday, November 13, 2017. No agenda items suggested at this time.