

Neighborhood Council #7
September Meeting
September 10, 2018
Gibson Room, Civic Center

Present: Council Members Troy Lane, Gudren Linden, Lisa Meyers, Sandy Rice. Andy Blewett was absent.

Public Attendees:

Diane Heikkik, 304 Main Street, Belt MT 59412
Dick Lodmeli, 1016 5th Avenue North
Joseph Cik, City Legal Department
Jane Weber, 701 4th Avenue North
Adam Hunt, GF Police Department
David VanSon, GF Fire and Rescue
Adam Marsh GF Fire and Rescue
Ty Loney, GF Fire and Rescue
Matt Merritt, GF Fire and Rescue
Travis Cik, GF Fire and Rescue
Kellie Anderson-Taves, 1020 6th Avenue North
Matthew Taves, 1020 6th Avenue North
Alicia Eatherly, City of GF
Craig Raymond, City of GF, PDCO
Linda Daggett, 415 6th Avenue South
Jean Rowell, The Electric
Lisa Frank, 1020 5th Avenue North
Doreen Whetham, 917 26th Avenue NE
Sheri Duran, 1305 6th Avenue South
Butch Whetham, 76 Golden Valley Loop

Chair Lisa Meyers brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business

The August minutes were approved as submitted.

Downtown Development Committee and Brownfield Committee reports were unavailable as Andy Blewett was absent.

Downtown Safety Alliance report: Safety Alliance is working with the City on the no-arrest rule concerning the Prison. Downtown businesses are starting a letter campaign outlining the effect on the downtown area due to transients and public intoxication. Holly Kopeikin, from KRTV, has agreed to head up the public relations campaign for Coins for a Cause. All the local radio stations have agreed to air PSA's regarding Coins for a Cause. Holly is working on getting TV spots as well.

Strategic Planning: Troy will get the Whom to Call List heading completed and will email it to Members. Sandy noted that Adrienn Erke, of City Code Enforcement, has some corrections to the List. Sandy will get those from her and forward to Troy for finalization of the List for printing.

Troy and Gudren gave Sandy email addresses of neighbors who want to be notified of future Council meetings. Sandy will include those in the database.

After a small addition to the copy, Sandy's draft of an article for the Chamber of Commerce 2019 Community Guide was approved.

Troy noted that several of his neighbors have asked why Council #7 has not presented at the City Commission meetings. This is open for further discussion whenever it is decided that Council #7 has something to offer.

New Business

There was extended discussion regarding the problem Chelsea Apartment building. Doreen Whetham, owner of the building, and Butch Whetham, maintenance manager for the building, were receptive to the comments and suggestions made by those attending.

Other Business

Diane Heikkila, candidate of Cascade County Treasurer, and Jane Weber, candidate for Cascade County Commissioner, spoke briefly about their campaigns.

Petitions and Communications

None

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Sandy distributed copies of The Electric's article on the overcrowding at the jail and the problems resulting for downtown Great Falls. Sandy also distributed copies of the white paper submitted for the 2019 Montana Legislation Session and the opinions of the City of Great Falls and County of Cascade on possible legislation. Sandy shared information on the Rocky Mountain Building sale to the Community Health Care Center.

The October meeting will include the Community Policing report.

Joseph Cik offered to give to the Council his Code Enforcement Process presentation. Patty Cadwell will be asked to schedule this presentation.

Adjourned at 8:28 p.m.