

October NC 7 Minutes
Neighborhood Council #7
October 8, 2018
Gibson Room, Civic Center

Present: Council Members Andy Blewett, Troy Lane, Gudren Linden, Lisa Meyers and Sandy Rice.
Neighborhood Council Coordinator Patty Cadwell was absent.

Also Present:

Jim Benner, 815 4th Avenue South
Michelle O'Connor, 716 4th Avenue South
Rhonda Williams, 722 4th Avenue South
Jason Shire, 726 4th Avenue South
Rick Herzog, 800 4th Avenue South
Van Herzog, 800 4th Avenue South
Joseph Cik, City of Great Falls
Tad Kimmett, Great Falls Police Department
Jenn Rowell, The Electric online news
Dava Cameron, 1100 5th Avenue North
Fritz Seitz, 500 6th Avenue South
J.D. Kulbuk, Great Falls Fire Department
Jay Swisher, Great Falls Fire Department
Carter Marsh, Great Falls Fire Department
Mike Panum, Great Falls Fire Department
Myrl Nardinger, 812 14th Street North

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

Old Business

September minutes were approved as submitted.

Committee Reports

Downtown Development / Brownfield Committees, Andy reported that several developments are in the planning stages with some low to moderate income apartments. The Farmers Markets over the summer were successful and growing.

Downtown Safety Alliance: Sandy reported that she attended the Future of the Falls Committee's Young Leaders Forum. There were about 160 attendees. A repeated concern was the downtown area needed to be revitalized. The Alliance has streamlined the Task Matrix into Active, On Hold/Seasonal and Completed projects.

Strategic Planning: Sandy noted that she had reached out to a neighborhood block party with about 35 attendees and the Young Leaders Forum, with about 160 attendees. Gudren and Troy reported that they had reached out to five or more neighbors, as committed to in the Visioning Process.

New Business

Officer Tad Kimmett gave the quarterly police report and fielded questions. He did note that there has been an uptick in drug and alcohol problems since the regional jail cannot accept any more non-violent prisoners.

Deputy City Attorney Joe Cik gave a presentation on the City of Great Falls Code Enforcement: what can and can't be done by the City. He emphasized that Code Enforcement is complaint driven. Sandy showed a copy of the Complaint Form that is available on greatfallsmt.net. Joe encouraged all the attendees to use that form. Joe had some good examples of Code Enforcement successes.

There was an extended discussion about the problems encountered in the duplexes located at 4th Street South and 8th Avenue South. Follow up action suggestions on the part of the public included the Complaint Form, finding the 100 or so properties owned by the same landlord as the duplexes and the Chelsea Apartments discussed in September, and looking into Section 8 requirements for renters using that program.

Other Business

There were no agenda suggestions for the Council of Council meeting scheduled October 30.

There were no candidate introductions, as no candidates attended the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Submitted, Sandy Rice, Secretary