

Neighborhood Council #7
December 12, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
Gibson Room, Civic Center

December Meeting Minutes

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

Also Present:

Jeff Erickson, 3420 8th Avenue North
Chad Swift, 725 3rd Avenue South
Taylor Lehman, 725 34d Avenue South
Chuck Anderson, City of Great Falls
Ruth Uecker, 4807 7th Avenue South
Dan Bateman, 3313 5th Street NE
Ashlie Steward, 5112 2nd Avenue South
Aryana Mitchell, 5112 2nd Avenue South
David, Cantley, 4015 6th Avenue South
Linda Daggett, 415 6th Avenue South
Jenn Rowell, TheElectric, com

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

Attendees were requested to identify themselves.

Chuck Anderson, City of Great Falls, is a liaison for the Neighborhood Councils, along with Krista Artis, City of Great Falls. Chuck advised the Council that he would be attending the Council meetings; Krista would cover the administration. The position "Neighborhood Council Coordinator" held by Patty Cadwell has been expanded and will be renamed "Communications Specialist." Applicants for the position will be solicited next week.

Old Business

October minutes were approved as submitted. There was no Council Meeting in November.

Committee Reports

Downtown Development / Brownfield Committees: Andy gave an update on the Rocky Mountain Building progress.

Brownfield Committee: Andy noted that projects were progressing with nothing decided.

Downtown Safety Alliance: Sandy reported that the DSA has ascertained that the Chelsea Apartments do not have any Section 8 housing vouchers in residence. Ashlie Steward noted that the Fair Housing Office may be of help with the ongoing problems at the Chelsea. Alicia Eatherly is the contact for Fair Housing.

Strategic Planning:

Sandy noted that she had addressed the Sunrise Presbyterian Church women's group to explain both Downtown Safety Alliance and the Neighborhood Council #7 visioning process. She reminded the group of the commitment made to contact five people per month to request feedback on neighborhood concerns.

Sandy attended a four-day conference of the Community Leadership Institute in Houston, sponsored by Neighborworks America. The group of five people from Great Falls has chosen The Children's Museum as the grant project.

The Whom to Call list has been updated, deleting the Neighborhood Watch contact. The City of Great Falls and Neighborworks Great Falls have declined to be the contact for this effort. Chuck said he would see if a new contact with the City could be established.

New Business

Ruth Uecker, Assistant Superintendent of Great Falls Public Schools, gave a presentation on the plans for the rebuild and replacement of Longfellow School. Target occupancy of the new Longfellow school is fall of 2020.

Dan Bateman gave an overview of the request to the City Commission for a Conditional Use Permit for the old Town & Country Furniture store on 9th Street. The Kids' FunZone proposal was met with enthusiasm.

Other Business

Sandy distributed the annual Conflicts Disclosure Statement to the members of the Council, to be completed and returned at the January meeting.

Lisa requested that the Council of Councils report be placed on the January agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Submitted, Sandy Rice, Secretary