

Neighborhood Council #7
Special Meeting for Visioning Process
Tuesday, May 1, 2018 6:00 p.m.
Rainbow Room, Civic Center

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

Rylan Periman, 3646 7th Avenue South, Student Observer
Brady Roberts, 1301 20th Street South, Student Observer
Isiah Roberts, 1925 1st Avenue North, Student Observer
Donna Williams, 2916 2nd Avenue North, Neighborhood Council #8
Linda Daggett, 415 6th Avenue South, Great Falls

Chair Lisa Meyers brought the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business: Mark Willmarth – Strategic Visioning

Mark took the Council through a process designed to achieve clarity and alignment regarding the Council's vision for Neighborhood #7 for the next one to three years.

Mark reviewed the April meeting and what we talked about at that meeting, He handed out the notes from that meeting for us to work with as a starting point. (Attached)

Mark suggested that we create a one page document with "What" we do, "Why" we do it, "Our Beliefs" and the goals we set for the next 1-3 years.

He cautioned us to be aware of what we have control over and what we don't have control over. For instance, we can control what advice and recommendations we give our government entities, but we do not control the laws. We can impact our lawmakers with our views, however.

A good discussion ensued on how to engage our neighbors to implement our beliefs and goals. A neighborhood newsletter and "whom to call" update could be distributed. Personal engagement with neighbors as we walk the neighborhood was suggested.

When we run into a roadblock and a problem seems beyond solution, Mark suggested asking ourselves: "What else can we do to address the problem?"

After much discussion, we came up with 13 questions we need to respond to be successful in our 1-3 years vision for Neighborhood #7. (Attached)

We also came up with a work in progress, subject to edit and revision, a one page document that lists Why, What, Beliefs, and Goals. (Attached)

Neighborhood Concerns:

Sandy Rice and Andy Blewett are unable to attend the scheduled May 14 meeting. There is a possibility that Gudren Linden will also not attend. If Gudren cannot attend, a quorum is not available and the meeting may not be held.

Adjournment was moved and seconded at 8:11 p.m.

Submitted, with attachments, Sandy Rice