

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #7

Monday, May 13, 2019

Gibson Room, Civic Center

May 2019 Minutes

Present Council Members, Andy Blewett, Troy Lane, Gudren Linden, Lisa Meyers, Sandy Rice
Lannie Klasner, Neighborhood Council City Liaison
Megan Topivoch, 1017 Appleway Court, Great Falls
Heather Miller, 112 13th Street, Black Eagle
Linda Daggett, 415 6th Avenue South, Great Falls
Dava Jamell, 1100 5th Avenue North, Great Falls
Shane Etzwiler, Chamber of Commerce
Carol Bronson, Neighborworks Great Falls

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

Old Business: The April 8, 2019, minutes were approved as submitted

Committee Reports: Andy distributed the quarterly Designated Community Reinvestment Report showing volunteer hours and budgets for the first quarter, 2019. Carol noted that Great Falls is one of only two Main Street designated communities in Montana. Sandy did not attend the most recent Downtown Safety Alliance meeting. Council strategic planning initiatives will start up again now that the weather is better.

Neighborhood Watch: forms to create a Neighborhood Watch are available on the NWGF and city websites. There are many NW signs available from NWGF and the Great Falls Police Department. Replacement signs are available at no cost. There is a \$45.00 charge to install a new pole. Lanni will follow up for access to signs. To have a Neighborhood Watch program, at least five neighbors have to agree to participate.

There was discussion of recycling possibilities. Republic has purchased Montana Waste and owns the Landfill. It was agreed that city wide recycling should be on the Council of Councils Agenda and Lisa will request that.

New Business: Carol spoke about the Community Impact Survey which will be conducted this summer. This survey is done every three years (2013, 2016, 2019) and includes the Downtown Master Plan. Downtown Master Plan reaches from 5th Avenue North to 5th Avenue South, from 15th Street to River Drive. This survey is not a complaint process, but a statistical report.

Shane gave an overview of what the Chamber of Commerce is doing and its vision for the future of Great Falls.

Troy Lane will give the City Commission Work Session report on June 4. He will update the Commission on NC7's visioning process and strategic planning, and bring the Neighborhood Watch, recycling ideas and public property problems to the Commission's attention. All of the Council members are requested to attend.

Future agenda item suggestions include the new owner of the Fairview Inn (now the Wingate), Judge Boland, and Officer Munkres.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.