

Neighborhood Council #7
Monday, July 8, 2019
Gibson Room, Civic Center

July 2019 Minutes

Present: Council Members Andy Blewett, Troy Lane, Lisa Meyers, Sandy Rice. Gudren Linden was absent.
Lanni Klasner, Neighborhood Council City Liaison
Char Bunker, Whittier Elementary School

Lisa Meyers brought the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The June, 2019, minutes were approved as amended for clarity.

Downtown Development Committee: Sandy reported that Wayfinding Request for Proposals is being prepared. The ballpark figure for the funding is \$100,000. Parking meter rates increased to \$1 per hour July 1. There will be a Mural Festival August 23-24 with artists' seminars, downtown tours, and an invitation to the public to watch murals being created. The deadline for submissions for Traffic Signal box art is Friday, July 12.

Brownfield Committee: no new projects reported. The old Montana Power building at the corner of Central and Park Avenues is for sale or donation. There would be extensive renovation costs and parking adjacent to the building is not included.

Downtown Safety Committee meets on Tuesday, 7/10.

Strategic Planning: Troy reported that there has been some overlap in approaching neighbors and suggested some mapping record on blocks/houses that have been contacted. Sandy will work on creating an Excel program for this. Lisa suggested that a copy of the Personal Property List from National Neighborhood Watch program be copied and included in neighborhood outreach.

Neighborhood Watch: A publicity for the program was suggested. Sandy will contact Holly Kopeikin from KFBB, who helped the Downtown Safety Alliance Coins for a Cause program, to see if she can help create PSA's. Another idea presented was an informational booth at the Farmers Market. There would have to be a contact person or agency (not GFPD) for the PSA's. Lannie will confirm the Neighborhood Watch program costs. Neighborhood Watch has to be a grass roots program, spearheaded by block participants.

City Recycling: This project will be taken to the Council of Councils meeting in October, as this needs to be a city-wide proposal.

Sandy distributed copies of the Portland, Maine, Disorderly House Ordinance. Lanni pointed out that this ordinance has been proposed to the City Commission before and was denied due to landlord opposition. Lisa will take this idea to the Council of Councils. If this is to pass, a grass roots campaign with a lot of support will need to happen. We understand that this project is a long time effort.

Sandy has invited Larry Gooldy from Wingate Inn and Louis D'Antuono from Alluvion to attend NC 7 meetings.

Char Bunker of Whittier School distributed "How Iceland Got Teens to Say No to Drugs" for informational purposes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Submitted, Sandy Rice, Secretary