

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #7
Monday, July 13, 2020
Gibson Room, Civic Center
July 13, 2020 **Meeting Minutes**

Present: Council Members Andy Blewett Troy Lane, Lisa Meyers, Trevor Mikkelsen, Sandy Rice
Lanni Klasner, Community Liaison
Myrl Nardinger, 812 13th Street North; Christian Leinhauser, Great Falls Development Authority; David Saenz, Calvary Chapel Cascade County; Brion Lindseth, Big Sky Select; Spencer Woity, 405 3rd Street NW; Brad Eatherly, City of Great Falls
Lisa Meyers brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OLD BUSINESS

The June Minutes were approved as amended: original minutes noted City response to the slaughterhouse resolution; the County actually responded.

Downtown Development Committee: Nothing to report

Brownfield Committee: Nothing to Report

Downtown Safety Alliance: Did not meet

Council of Councils: Did not meet

Strategic Planning: Nothing to report

Neighborhood Watch Program: Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

Pastor David Saenz of Calvary Chapel Cascade County presented his request for a Conditional Use Permit for the building at the northwest corner of 5th Street and Central Avenue. The CUP would allow CCCC to conduct a church on the first floor and basement of the building. The concern is that there is a Montana State law which prohibits any liquor sales within 600 feet of a church. Current establishments would be grandfathered, but new licenses would not be allowed. Brad Eatherly of the City Planning Office noted that the City Council is considering a special ordinance that would eliminate the 600 foot prohibition for this corner only. After extensive discussion, NC #7 decided to wait for further information on the special ordinance before giving any support or non-support decision on the CUP.

Brion Lindseth presented information on the Milwaukee Station Depot Project, which includes commercial and 112 apartments. Woith Engineering, Inc., a partner on the project, has requested a change of zoning for the project from Mixed Use to Central Business Core. After a question and answer period, Troy moved that NC#7 support the zone change, Sandy seconded and the motion passed.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Myle Nardinger brought up the BNSF train whistles exceeding the allowable decibel limit of 110 decibels. The Council didn't know if there is a local entity to address this question and asked Myrl to contact the City. A second concern of Myrl's was the requirement for a name and address on a nuisance complaint with the city. This information is available to anyone who asks who made a complaint, inviting retaliation against the complainant. NC#7 will ask Joe Cik, of the City Attorney's office, about this when he addresses the Council at the August meeting.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Sandy had a completed copy of Neighborhood Council #7 By-Laws, passed at the June meeting, for signatures from the Council. The signed copy was given to Lanni for Council permanent records.

Sandy reported on an e-mail received regarding the Jensen Apartments at the northeast corner of 4th Avenue North and 8th Street North. The company renovating the apartment house and the historic house next door is submitting new permit requests and hopes to have the project completed within 12 months.

Respectfully Submitted, Sandy Rice, Secretary.