

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #7
Monday, August 10, 2020
Gibson Room, Civic Center
August 10, 2020 **Meeting Minutes**

Council Members Andy Blewett, Troy Lane, Lisa Meyers, Trevor Mikkelsen and Community Liaison Lanni Klasner, were present. Council Member Sandy Rice was unable to attend.

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

OLD BUSINESS

The July Minutes were approved as amended: spelling corrected on Myrl Nardinger in Petitions and Communications section, moved by Troy, seconded by Trevor.

Downtown Development Committee: No report

Brownfield Committee: No report

Downtown Safety Alliance: No report

Council of Councils: No report

Strategic Planning: No report

Neighborhood Watch Program: No report

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Cik from the City Attorney's office provided information on the existing city ordinances relating to nuisance properties and requested input from those present regarding the complaint process and thoughts on improving the ordinance to reflect community concerns. Information was presented to the Council and Joe on how the process has worked in the past, what changes have been implemented to make the complaint process more robust and possible enhancements to the current process.

Joe Cik and code enforcement members will address an upcoming Council of Councils meeting to review nuisance codes with all the Neighborhood Councils.

The consequences of reporting a neighbor were discussed. Several people expressed that they had suffered repercussions after a neighbor had been reported whether they were the ones to have reported them or not. Joe Cik reminding the meeting that threatening or intimidation could rise to the level of a felony.

Allison Tangen from Neighborhood Council 6 brought up the Complaint Form on the City of Great Falls website and that it was not interactive as intended. Lanni Klasner advised it should have been interactive and fillable online and will get it corrected if it is not currently fillable.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Lisa attended training on the use of Facebook as a communications tool for Neighborhood Councils. Lanni advised that the policy currently is being revised with expansion to other social media platforms but for Neighborhood Councils it will be limited to Facebook for the immediate future.

Motion to close moved by Troy seconded by Andy, meeting closed at 8:20.