

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #7
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM platform

November 9, 2020 **Meeting Minutes**

Present: Council Members Troy Lane, Lisa Meyers, Sandy Rice. Trevor Mikkelsen. Andy Blewett was absent. Lanni Klasner, Community Liaison.
Carol Bronson, 733 32nd Ave NE; Char Bunker, Whittier Elementary School; Linda Daggett, 415 6th Ave South

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

Old Business

The October minutes were approved as submitted.

Downtown Development Committee, Brownfield Committee did not meet

Downtown Safety Alliance is not meeting until January. Carol Bronson, NeighborWorks, Joan Redeen, BID, and Sandy Rice, NC7 are compiling a list of activities to be considered and prioritized at the January meeting.

Great Falls Citizens Council, (Council of Councils) met on October 27. Eric Ray presented current information on the request for an Environmental Impact Study to be done by the State on the proposed Madison Food Park. Eric also shared a brochure prepared by the Protect the Falls organization. There is a petition on their website protectthefalls.org regarding the Food Park.

A panel consisting of Capt. Rob Moccasin, Lt. Doug Mahlum, Assistant City Attorney Joe Cik, and Code Enforcement Department Heather Rohlf reviewed the current nuisance property complaint process and presented information on the Nuisance Property Ordinance proposed by Neighborhood Council #7 and supported by other Councils. The City is working on a process that would trigger an assessment of response costs to the owner of the property when a certain threshold is met. Any such resolution would have to be approved by the City Commission, which is a long process.

Capt. Moccasin and Lt. Mahlum presented a police department update. They recommended that residents track crime in the area at crimemapping.com.

Strategic Planning and Neighborhood Watch Programs are on hold until Spring.

New Business

No new business was discussed. The idea of honoring Mary Shields will be discussed at the January meeting.

Other Business

The Whittier Radio Readers program was posted on the Neighborhood Council FaceBook page with an audio link.

Neighborhood Concerns

No neighborhood concerns were expressed.

Neighborhood Council Concerns

Sandy asked for a Council opinion on not holding a December meeting. It was moved and seconded that the December meeting be cancelled and the next meeting be January 11. Lanni noted that if anything of critical importance comes up before then, NC7 can always call a special meeting. At the January meeting, Troy will need a consensus of what he should present at the January 19 City Commission Work Session. Lanni noted that the Work Session may not happen due to Covid restrictions. The Mary Fields discussion will be held at that meeting as well.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Sandy Rice, Secretary