

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
DISTRICT 7
Monday, February 8, 2021
Gibson Room, Civic Center

MINUTES

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by Lisa Meyers, who led with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Present: Andy Blewett, Troy Lane, Lisa Meyers, Trevor Mikkelsen, Sandy Rice, Lanni Kastner, City Liaison.
Linda Daggett, 415 6th Ave S, Steve Sheffels, 1315 1st St S Nicole Girten, GF Tribune, Brad Eatherly, City Planning

OLD BUSINESS

The January minutes were approved as written.

Downtown Development Committee: Great Falls is using TIF money to repair the Civic Center façade.

Brownfield Committee: Brownfield grant to recover the Old City Jail for use as County Offices.

Downtown Safety Committee: the DSA is working on a probable year-long project to revise the

Downtown Safety Plan created in 2013 to reflect current needs and objectives.

Council of Council, Citizens' Council: may have a special March meeting to hear the GF Police

Department report on current events and data.

Strategic Planning is on hold until the weather clears and COVID-19 abates.

Neighborhood Watch Program: This program was started by NeighborWorks GF, then turned over to the

GFPD. GFPD does not have the manpower to manage this program. They are willing to help but need others to spearhead the effort. Carol Bronson, who originated the program with NWGF, will help the Councils reignite this program. NC7 could spearhead this effort and, if community response is good, bring it to the Council of Council meeting and ask all Councils to create a program in their districts.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Sheffels, of Sheffels Farms, Inc. and Brad Eatherly from City Planning presented the Conditional Use Permit requested by Sheffels Farms for the block surrounded by 7th and 8th Streets South and 2nd and 3rd Avenues South. The block has been zoned mixed use. Sheffels Farms wants a CUP to clear the lot for a Contractor II designation. After some discussion, including remarks from Linda Daggett, who lives about 2 blocks from the area, the Council unanimously passed a motion to recommend approval of the CUP by the City Planning Department.

The Carter Park Little Free Library needs a new door: Troy said he has the measurements and will get this done.

OTHER BUSINESS

Troy Lane gave an update on the City Commission Work Session, which he presented on 2/19. The presentation was well received and the Commission gave high marks to NC#7.

GFPD chief Bowen is retiring in April. The search committee for his replacement has asked the Chairs of the nine Councils submit questions for candidate interviews. Lisa Meyers asked the Council to give her any specific questions we would like to be asked.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Linda Daggett noted that there is a continuing parking problem on the South side; extra cars and large trucks and RV's in the street. Since the City is complaint driven, we suggested that Linda complete the online or print complaint and get her neighbors to also submit forms.

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Sandy Rice recommended the YouTube video titled Fire in the Night by the Lucky Valentines, as it has great footage of Great Falls.

Agenda Suggestions: CDBG/Home 2021 Community Action Plan
Presentation from Amy Troung, the Library VISTA volunteer

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Submitted, Sandy Rice, Secretary