NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #7 July 12, 2021 GIBSON ROOM, CIVIC CENTER 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Lisa Meyers, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Council members Lisa Meyers, Trevor Mikkelsen, and Andy Blewett. City Liaison Lanni Krasner was present as well. Council members Troy Lane and Sandy Rice were absent.

The Minutes of the June 14 meeting were approved.

Committee Reports: Downtown Development Partnership – Andy reported that there were various grant monies available that were awaiting applications for award. Brownfield Committee: No report.

Downtown Safety Committee: No report.

The Council of Council is scheduled to meet on September 28 at 7:00PM, primary focus will be on nuisance properties. Strategic Planning: No Report. Neighborhood Watch Program: No Report.

New Business:

NeighborWorks presentation by Sherrie Arey and Katie Battersby on Permanent Supportive Housing. This was presented regarding the Baatz Building Redevelopment 400 2nd Ave South. Information was provided on the tax credit application that would be used to redevelop this property into 24 apartments that would be available for currently displaced individuals that often require supportive services and need a stable living arrangement. This would be done in conjunction with various Service providing agencies. NeighborWorks would be the landlord and responsible for the housing, the partner agencies would provide separate social services for the tenants.

Other Business:

Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Sunday August 15 from 2 to 4 PM in Carter Park. Ice Cream provided by Frosty. This social is made possible by a grant from NeighborWorks.

Petitions and Communications:

Yvonne Stemple discussed her concerns about graffiti and vandalism in Gibson Park and the Skate Park and the ill effects it has on this important park. Yvonne's concerns were reiterated by three of her neighbors. Photos of the graffiti were provided. Lisa will present these photos and voice these concerns at the Council of Councils meeting. All participants were advised to continue to report crimes to the non emergency phone number for GFPD, 406 727 7688.

A question was raised on how to go about banning fireworks in the city. This question needs to be asked of the City Clerk to clarify the process for enacting a ban.

Meeting moved to adjourn at 8:21 PM.

Next meeting August 9, 2021

Agenda suggestions:

Alluvion
Code Enforcement
Parks and Recreation

Submitted by Trevor Mikkelsen, Neighborhood Council #7