

Neighborhood Council #7
Gibson Room, Civic Center
November 8, 2021

Council Members in attendance: Linda Daggett, Troy Lane, Lisa Meyers, Trevor Mikkelsen, Sandy Rice;
City Liaison Lanni Krasner

Guests: Yvonne Stemple, 514 4th Street North, Morgan Yegerlehner, 303 2nd Street North, Michael Yegerleher, 313 2nd Street North, Rev. Rick Brown, 2619 1st Avenue North, Jane Hazzard, 701 7th Avenue North, Zachariah Moeller, 711 6th Avenue South, Carol Bronson, 509 1st Avenue South, Maci Mitchell, 1017 34th Avenue NE, Jewlia Archey, 705 27th Avenue NE, Rev. Stephen Underwood, 428 Central Avenue, Rev. Jeff Wakeley, 525 2nd Avenue North

Chair Lisa Meyers opened the meeting at 7:00. The Pledge was not recited as the Civic Center flag is temporarily stored. Minutes to the October 11, 2021, meeting were approved as written.

Committee Reports:

Downtown Development Partnership: no one attended the October 27 DDP / Brownfield Committee meeting. Sandy pointed out that NC7 has a seat on the Board and needs to appoint a delegate. Linda Daggett volunteered to be that delegate.

Downtown Safety Committee: Sandy reported that Chief Jeff Newton gave an update for the GFFD and asked that Neighborhood Councils publicize the SCRAM program.

Council of Councils: Lisa reported on the October meeting which addressed the problem of fireworks over the Fourth of July holiday. Both the GFFD and GFFR gave information on what is being done. Lisa also reported the crime statistics for NC7 for the last month.

Strategic Planning: Troy went over the Strategic Planning NC7 did with Mark Willmarth and our commitment to outreach in the neighborhood. Troy noted that he needed more copies of the "Whom To Call" list and Sandy said she would get them printed. Yvonne Stemple asked for copies as well.

Neighborhood Watch Program: Lisa Meyers is the ambassador for this program.

New Business: Zach Moeller, Montana Department of Transportation, and Andrew Finch, City Transportation Department, addressed questions and clarified information on the crosswalks and speeding on Park Drive. Andrew said he would arrange a speed and usage study of Park Drive. Traffic control for Voyagers and River Drive after the fireworks was discussed.

Pastor Brown of the First Baptist Church spoke on the problems he and his congregation have been having with the transient population that gathers in the area of 2nd Avenue North and 6th Street. Rev. Wakeley of the First United Methodist Church spoke about the complexities of the problems and noted that what has been tried before is not working, so his congregation is trying something new to help. Consensus among the Council and Neighbors present was that this is an extensive problem which will require partnerships and long term answers.

Trevor motioned that NC7 pass a resolution regarding November 11, Veterans' Day, honoring all those who have served the United States in uniform. Sandy seconded and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Rice, Secretary