

Neighborhood Council #7
Missouri Room, Civic Center
December 13, 2021

Council Members in attendance: Linda Daggett, Troy Lane, Lisa Meyers, Trevor Mikkelsen, Sandy Rice;
City Liaison Lanni Klasner
Neighborhood Guests: Yvonne Stemple, Morgan Yegerlehner, Michael Yegerleher, Carol Bronson, Rev.
Jeff Wakeley, Lilliuian Sunwell

Chair Lisa Meyers opened the meeting at 7:00, leading the Pledge of Allegiance.
Minutes to the October 11, 2021, meeting were approved as corrected, with Lanni Klasner's name corrected.

Committee Reports:

Downtown Development Partnership: Linda Daggett was unable to attend the November 24th meeting, but updated the Council from the Minutes. Wayfinding projects is going well, supported by a grant from the Main Street America program; there are currently 49 projects in the pipeline for Great Falls.

Downtown Safety Committee: The Downtown Safety Plan has been adopted and will be implemented. NC 7's current project is neighborhood outreach to publicize the plan: Sandy will address each of the Neighborhood Councils in spring meetings.

Council of Councils: The next meeting is January 25, 2022.

Strategic Planning: Sandy distributed copies of the Whom to Call list and the Outreach program.

Neighborhood Watch Program: Lisa Meyers is the ambassador for this program; a general meeting of all Ambassadors is being planned.

Crime Mapping Report: Lisa reported the crime statistics for NC7 area for the previous 30 days.

Neighborhood Petitions and Communications: Andrew Finch, at the November meeting, said he would arrange a speed and usage study of Park Drive if NC 7 requested it. Sandy will draft the request for consideration at the January meeting.

A privacy concern was raised about the addresses being included on the sign-in sheet for Council meetings. As the City Commission has already deleted this requirement, it was decided that only names be required for future sign-in sheets.

Rev. Wakeley of the First Methodist Church asked that the Council support his request to the City Commission that the Covid money coming to the City (over \$1 million) be spent on actual beds for the homeless. As rents go up, more people are becoming homeless because they can't afford the higher rents. His concern is that the money will be spent on adjacent services and not one additional bed will be produced. Housing comes first, the success of other services depends on housing.

Concerns were raised regarding the Greystone Inn at the corner of Central and 7th Street and the building with the cracked façade just east of Pizazz, Central and 4th Street.

Neighborhood Council: Lanni noted that swearing in ceremonies will be held in Commission Chambers on December 21, with an open house following in the Missouri Room. Required training will be held on January 26 and January 27 at 5:30 in the Missouri Room. Council members may choose which session to attend.

NC 7 will present to the Commission Work Session on February 15. Lanni distributed a copy of NC 3's presentation for our consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Rice, Secretary