

Neighborhood Council #7
Monday, April 11, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Gibson Room, Civic Center

MINUTES

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 by Chair Lisa Meyers, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were Council Members Linda Daggett, Troy Lane, Lisa Meyers, Trevor Mikkelsen, Sandy Rice and City Liaison Lanni Klasner.

Neighbors attending were Yvonne Stemple, Head Librarian Susie McIntyre, Asst. County Attorney Michele Levine, County Attorney Josh Racki, and Sheriff Jesse Slaughter.

The March Minutes were approved as submitted.

Downtown Development and Brownfield Committees: Linda reported that the Neighborhood Watch signs are not reflective; the Wayfaring signs should be ready for install soon; Alluvion is a recipient of the Brownfield funds for the reclamation of the Rocky Mountain Building; The Gibson Hotel (old Greystone Inn) is beginning work on reclamation. The Business Improvement District is working on increasing downtown housing in response to demand.

Downtown Safety Alliance: No meeting in April. Sandy attended the CrimeStoppers panel; the primary crime problem in Great Falls is the drug trade, which fuels most other crime. There will be a nuisance property presentation with Heather Rohlf of the Code Enforcement on Tuesday, April 12.

Council of Councils will meet on May 24. Lisa asked for recommendations for consideration at our May 9.

Strategic Planning and Outreach: no report.

Crime Mapping Report: monthly statistics were reviewed by Lisa.

StoryWalk update from Susie McIntyre: the Library has requested a CDBG grant. The original plan has been amended to exclude boulevard signs from the Library to Gibson Park; there will be footprints on the sidewalk instead. The footprints will be installed in conjunction with ArtsFest in August and hopefully repainted each year. Chris Johnson, author of the Longmire series (book and television) will be the featured author during The Big River Ruckus in August.

Marci Marceau, candidate for House District 26, was unable to attend.

Michele Levine, candidate for District Court Judge, presented her outlook on the Judicial bench.

Sheriff Jesse Slaughter presented a handout of his accomplishments as Sheriff.

County Attorney Josh Racki presented a handout regarding the County Attorney Office.

CommUNITY Cleanup, sponsored NeighborWorks Great Falls, is scheduled for May 6-7. NC7 will meet at Carter Park at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 7 for our contribution. Troy will bring supplies.

Yvonne Stemple reported that little has been done about the speed of traffic on Park Drive and that very few cars stop when the crosswalks are being utilized. Michael Yegerlehner reported via email that the next Homeless Task Force meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church. Lisa shared an email she received from Elizabeth Place reporting that there is speeding, drug dealing, geese being run over, and cars not stopping for pedestrians on Park Drive and in Gibson Park. She asked for more police presence both day and night.

Sandy reported that Whittier School has been awarded a CDBG grant for new inclusive playground equipment and that the Friends of the Library will be accepting donations for the book sale on Saturdays from 10 to 2:00 p.m. through May 7. The booksale is scheduled for May 12, 13, 14.

Agenda suggestions: GFPD presentation, Council of Council Discussion Items, both for May.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Rice, Secretary