

Neighborhood Council #7
Monday, July 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, Lisa Meyers, Trevor Mikkelsen, and Sandy Rice: Troy Lane was absent.

City Liaison Lanni Klasner attended.

Neighbors attending were Michael Yegerlehner, Emma Lambert (NWGF), Carol Bronson (NWGF), Vicki Evans, Paul Eidson, and Lillian Sunwall.

The June Minutes were approved as submitted.

Downtown Development Partnership: Linda reported on several TIF (tax increment funding) projects that have been approved by the DDP and are awaiting approval by the City Commission.

Brownfield Committee: this Committee meets sporadically and communicates through e-mail. Lillian Sunwall of the Great Falls Development Authority noted that NC7 should have a delegate to this Committee. Trevor volunteered to be the delegate.

Downtown Safety Alliance: Sandy has presented at all nine Neighborhood Councils; the bi-monthly educational presentations are continuing at the library.

Council of Councils met on May 24: Lisa reported on the discussions held at this meeting. The meeting minutes are available on the city website: greatfallsmt.net.

Strategic Planning and Outreach: no report

Crime Mapping Report: monthly statistics were reviewed by Lisa.

Lillian Sunwall of the GFDA updated information on the Rocky Mountain Building rehabilitation. Alluvion has encountered more extensive repair and asbestos removal than anticipated. The GFDA has forwarded over \$400,000 to Alluvion to help rehabilitate the building. The time-line has been understandably extended, but it is hoped that the roof can be installed before winter.

Lillian also reported on the GFDA-funded housing study. The study showed a need for about 4500 housing units needed in Great Falls over the next ten years, which does not include the MAFB upgrade. The Baatz building is being developed by a partnership of GFDA and NWGF.

Paul Eidson, CEO of Apollos University, presented information on the University and how it came to be in Great Falls.

Michael Yegerlehner noted that Pastor Jeff Wakely has been reassigned to another Methodist parish and the new pastor at First United Methodist Church is Dawn Skerritt.

Sandy asked if the City Commission is planning on hosting Neighborhood Council presentations at a work session. Lanni said she would check into that and noted that Councils can talk at any Commission meeting: they are always on the agenda.

Agenda suggestions: CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)
Dashboard
Neighborhood Watch

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Rice, Secretary