

Neighborhood Council #7
Monday, September 12, 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, and Sandy Rice
City Liaison Lanni Klasner attended.

Neighbors attending were Brandt Olson, Jacob Tri, Stephanie Fuller, Sandra Merchant, Jaidyn Lee, Devani Gumemberg, Michele Levine, Valerie Winfield, Daniel Rude, and Rae Grulkowski

The August Minutes were approved as corrected.

OLD BUSINESS

Roll call of the Council was completed: all members present.

Downtown Development Partnership: Linda reported that Kellie Pierce is the new Chair of the DDP, the TIF (tax increment funding) request for lighting in the alleyways with murals has been approved by the City Commission, ArtsFest was very successful, the GFDA is working on economic vitality, especially on increasing residency in the downtown district, and is exploring the idea of eliminating the one-way traffic on 5th and 6th Streets. OctoberFest is the next event coming up.

Brownfield Committee: Trevor had no report.

Downtown Safety Alliance: Sandy noted that Kellie Pierce, new Chair of the DDP, hopes to resume DSA meetings in October.

Council of Councils is scheduled for the quarterly meeting on October 25, 2022.

Strategic Planning and Outreach: Troy said that the NextDoor app is good for keeping up with what's happening within council boundaries. Troy and Sandy attended the Block Party hosted by Triumph Lutheran Brethren Church and gave out Guide to Great Falls Code pamphlets. Sandy will attend the ground breaking for the 45th NeighborWorks High School house on 9/13 and will hand out the Guide to Code pamphlets as well as give a short speech to attendees about N C 7.

Crime Mapping Report: monthly statistics were reviewed by Lisa.

NEW BUSINESS

Representatives from the Cascade County Attorneys' Office and the Cascade County Sheriff's Department presented information on the Safety Levy which will be on the November ballot. Westandsafe.com is a website supporting the levy.

Rae Grulkowski, candidate for County Commission, presented her background and ideas for the Commission, should she be elected. There was a lively discussion regarding potential controversies before the County Commission.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sandy agreed to address the City Commission Work Session on October 4 about the accomplishments of N C 7. Lanni will make Sandy's presentation into PowerPoint.

Sandra Merchant, candidate for Clerk & Recorder, gave her qualifications and asked for votes.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: None

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL: None

Next Meeting: Monday, October 10, 2022

Agenda suggestions: Chief Jones, GFPD; Katie Brewer, Community Risk Manager

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Rice, Secretary