

Neighborhood Council #7  
Monday, November 14, 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, And City Liaison Lanni Klasner. Five student observers were Dalton Ecklund, Ryan Claire, Ava Chauncey, Alayna Moore and Cadee Carroll. Sarah Chauncey also attended.

The October Minutes were approved as submitted. Lanni distributed the GF Fiscal Year 2023 Adopted Budget.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

**Downtown Development Partnership:** Linda reported that the Public Art Project had a request for a traffic signal box outside the BID boundaries: the DDP agreed to fund this request. Possible conversion of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Street one-ways back to two-way traffic is being looked into. DDP is trying to get the Parking Commission under DDP instead of the City. Christian Leinhauser of the Great Falls Development Authority reported high enthusiasm for business downtown. The Council asked Linda to see if Christian can address the Council in the January meeting.

**Brownfield Committee:** Trevor reported that a Black Eagle site has requested Brownfield assistance.

**Downtown Safety Alliance:** Sandy reported that the DSA is committed to reinvest time and energy to achieve the goals of the new Safety Plan.

**Council of Councils:** GFPD reviewed the past year activities and ongoing recruitment. Replacement officers are in the pipeline, but training takes time. The School Resource Officer program is effective, although the crime rate is increasing around the schools. Several Councils reported citizen concerns about speeding. The Nuisance Animal Ordinance was reviewed, especially in regards to barking dogs. The Citizen's Council asked the all the Councils use outreach to educate the public about the ordinance. The Citizen's Council has asked the Attorneys' Office to review the ordinance to make it clearer. The Citizen's Council will explore the Nuisance Property concerns at the January meeting.

**Strategic Planning and Outreach:** Outreach will recommence after the election and when it warms up.

**Crime Mapping Report:** Lisa reported four-month statistics.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Jill Baker, Executive Director of the Great Falls Public Library Foundation, reported on the Master Plan for the structural renovation and the need for additional operational/staffing funds. She noted there is a professional poll being conducted in November / December for a possible levy for operations. We requested that Jill address the January meeting and report the results of the poll.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** Troy distributed a copy of the speech Rick Cornellier gave at the Citizen's Council (Council of Councils) meeting in October regarding his research into the unhoused population and low barrier shelters (or Crisis Stabilization Centers). The No Trespassing notices at the First United Methodist Church were discussed. Troy noted that the information distribution for Service Line Warranties of America sounded like the City was promoting this service. There are several local companies that offer the same service. Lanni noted that the City did not receive or pay and funds around this advertisement. It was suggested that SLWA not be allowed to use the City Logo on their ads and Lanni said she would follow up with the City Utilities department.

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL:** Sandy noted that she restocked the Carter Park Little Library with children's books.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 9, 2023

Agenda suggestions: GF Public Library Update on Poll conducted in November/December 2022

Christian Leinhauser, Great Falls Development Authority

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Rice, Secretary