

Neighborhood Council #7
Monday, **January 9, 2023**, 7:00 p.m.
Gibson Room, Civic Center

MINUTES **AS AMENDED** ON FEBRUARY 13, 2023

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, student observer Cadence Miller, and presenter Christian Leinhauser.

The November Minutes were approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Downtown Development Partnership: Linda reported that the City Safety Levy was discussed, TIF funds requested for fire suppression at the Metropolitan Building was recommended for approval by the City Commission, which the City Commission subsequently approved.

Brownfield Committee: No report

Downtown Safety Alliance: No report

Council of Councils: Next meeting is scheduled for January 24

Strategic Planning and Outreach: No report

Crime Mapping Report: Lisa reported two-month statistics, and will make a quarterly statistic report in February.

NEW BUSINESS

Christian Leinhauser, Great Falls Development Authority Downtown Business Development Officer, reported on what he does to bring in new business to the downtown area, including visits to other municipalities, one-on-one meetings with potential partners, and selling Great Falls downtown as a great place to do business. He also reported on recent successes, hoping to increase foot traffic downtown. Troy asked for previous Main Street statistics for growth comparison. The parking lot between 3rd Avenue North and 4th Avenue North, 2nd Alley North and 2nd Avenue North is being used as a staging area for the renovation of the Rocky Mountain Building. Brownfield funds are being used for the renovation.

Other Business:

Election of Officers for 2023: Sandy moved that the current officers retain their seats, Troy seconded and the motion carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Sandy rereported that a neighbor had asked for the Council to recommend to the Public Library that the outside benches be removed, as people sleeping on them is a deterrent for patrons. Sandy said she will talk with Susie McIntyre, Library Director, about this concern but didn't think Susie would agree.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL: Agenda suggestion for March or April meeting is a presentation from the City Legal Department regarding nuisance properties.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 13, 2023

Agenda for February: Library Levy update from Susie McIntyre (confirmed)

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Rice, Secretary