

Neighborhood Council #7
Monday, **May 8, 2023**, 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; Neighbors Rev. Lori Babcock, Rev. Deacon Donna Gleaves, Rich Ecke, and Jessica Becker.

The April Minutes were approved as amended, with Rodney Meyers name correction.

Roll call of the Council was completed: all members present and a quorum established.

OLD BUSINESS

Downtown Development Partnership: The Partnership recommended that the City Commission approve TIF funds requested by the Business Improvement District for sewer and storm drain projects. The DDP is investigating the possibility of converting 5th and 6th streets from one-way streets back to two way streets. The Gibson Boutique hotel (formerly the Grey Stone Inn) is on track. DDP is also looking for property owners in the downtown district who would like to apply for a 2023 mural to be painted on the outside of their building during ArtsFest week this summer.

Brownfield Committee: No report

Downtown Safety Alliance: All nine of the Neighborhood Councils except Council #6 have had the Downtown Safety Alliance accomplishments presented. NC6 did not meet in March or April and does not meet during the summer months.

Council of Councils: The Council meets on May 23; Lisa asked for suggestions/concerns. The agenda is already pretty full.

Strategic Planning and Outreach: No report

Crime Mapping Report: Lisa reported one month statistics.

NEW BUSINESS: Jessica Becker of Animal Control discussed city ordinances, the shelters, and answered questions on what to do if you encounter a domestic animal at large and the procedures for reporting barking dogs. The Animal Control does not handle wild animals, there is a local business called Varmint Nabbers which will help for a fee. The shelter is no longer taking trapped feral cats.

Char Bunker of Whittier School was unable to attend and will be invited to give a presentation at a future meeting.

Other Business: The Rev. Pastor Lori Babcock and Rev. Deacon Donna Gleaves of the Church of the Incarnation, 600 3rd Avenue North, introduced themselves.

Neighborhood Petitions and Communications: June 3 is National Trails Day. Sandy noted that she had been unable to get the Historic Northside Walking Tour brochures. The brochure can be downloaded from greatfallsmt.net.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL: Historic Preservation Awards ceremony is scheduled for May 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Missouri Room of the Civic Center.

Summer Ice Cream Social: Sandy will contact Frosty of Montana for available dates and NeighborWorks Great Falls for possible funding.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 12, 2023

Council of Councils (Citizens Council), May 23, 2023

Election filing deadline is June 19, 2023

Agenda suggestions: Whittier School Presentations
Representative from Montana Renewables to discuss noise concerns
Missouri Room: future use as Municipal Court

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. on unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Rice, Secretary