

Neighborhood Council #7
Monday, June 12, 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 Troy Lane, Lisa Meyers, and Sandy Rice; City of Great Falls Liaison Lanni Krasner; Neighbors Brian Hopkins, Sandor Hopkins, Brittany Hopkins, Barb Warden, Allison Tangen, and Scott Pearson. Council Members Linda Daggett and Trevor Mikkelsen were absent.

The May Minutes were approved.

Roll call of the Council was completed and a quorum established.

OLD BUSINESS

Downtown Development Partnership: no report

Brownfield Committee: No report

Downtown Safety Alliance: No report.

Council of Councils: The Council met on May 23; Lisa's report: GFPD is down officers due to turnover, there is renovation currently ongoing at GFPD headquarters, and the expansion of the Evidence Area is planned. Animal Control reported that twice as many complaints over last year have been received, the animal shelter no longer accepts trapped feral cats, however, the Cascade County Humane Society does.

Looking at the Public Safety Levy being proposed for the November ballot: GFFR needs a new fire station to reduce response times in the growing eastern part of the city, and wants to add two companies and a rescue squad.

GFPD is looking to expand operations, including additional School Resource Officers. Currently, GFHS and CMR each have one and the two Middle Schools each have one. There will be a Town Hall on Wednesday, June 14, at the Mansfield Center about the Levy.

The Long Range Transportation Project has completed their survey hopes to complete the Plan by the fall. The Plan is looking at population growth and development. The City Transit Bus system is not part of this effort.

The EPA is working on a lead pipe water line inventory. All schools and child care centers will be tested. If individual households would like their lines to be tested, Heath and Human Services has the information and there is a video of the City Commission work session covering this project. The Long Range Transportation website is greatfallstransplan.com.

Crime Mapping Report: Lisa reported one month statistics.

NEW BUSINESS

Char Bunker of Whittier School did not attend.

Other Business: the Council of Councils broached the subject of all nine Councils working together on a COMMUNITY cleanup up after the Fourth celebration. NC7 decided to bring up the idea next year, when we have more time to plan. The Summer Ice Cream Social is scheduled from noon to 2:00 p.m. at Carter Park on Sunday, August 20, 2023. Mr. Frosty will again provide the ice cream. NeighborWorks has generously given NC7 a \$300 grant to cover the cost. Lanni agreed to create a flyer and Sandy will check with Parks & Rec on flyer placement.

Neighborhood Petitions and Communications: Barb Warden reported that the jet engine noise from the Montana Resources/Calumet Refinery has not gone away, although it appears to be lessening in frequency. She spoke with the management, who told her that since this was a new project, they weren't sure how to fix it, but they are making it a priority. City Commissioner Joe McKenney asked Barb to check with him again in a month. If a neighbor knows of a bad pothole, they are encouraged to call it in to Public Works.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL: Council Member Troy Lane asked why the Whittier School playground is locked.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 10, 2023

Agenda suggestions: Representative from Montana Renewables to discuss noise concerns

Missouri Room: future use as Municipal Court

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. on unanimous vote. Respectfully submitted, Sandra Rice, Secretary