

Neighborhood Council #7
Monday, **July 10, 2023**, 7:00 p.m.
Gibson Room, Civic Center

MINUTES

The meeting was brought to order at 7:01 by Chair Lisa Meyers, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were Council Members Troy Lane, Lisa Meyers, Trevor Mikkelsen, Linda Daggett, and Sandy Rice; City of Great Falls Liaison Lanni Krasner; Neighbors Sandor Hopkins, Barb Warden, Joshua Gosney, Sara Doermann, Christian Leinhauser, Jane Weber, and Jim Weber.

The June Minutes were approved with the correction of the spelling of Linda Daggett's name.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Downtown Development Partnership: DDP reviewed the proposed Kellergeist renovation in the 100 block of Central Avenue into a theater space; the renovation of 514 Central Avenue, where "Let's Play" was formerly located, into a possible casino was tabled until further information became available; ideas for lighting of the murals in the Downtown area. The Main Street Montana Conference will be held in Great Falls in October. The 2023 ArtsFest is scheduled August 11 to 18, with more murals being painted.

Brownfield Committee: NeighborWorks Great Falls held an information session on the Baatz Building refit and it was decided that full remediation of asbestos and meth will be completed and the project will rebuild and renovate into supportive housing as originally planned

Downtown Safety Alliance: Did not meet.

Council of Councils: Next meeting in the fall

Crime Mapping Report: Lisa reported one month statistics.

NEW BUSINESS

Josh Gosney of Infinity Wellness presented the application for a set-back variance for the property at 910 11th Street North to allow more parking.

Calumet and Montana Refining have proposed a \$15,000 grant for neighborhood improvements within a two mile radius of the Plant. This proposal is for the public, but was presented to NC7 and NC3 to begin. Sandy proposed NC7 research the proposal of a Park Drive crosswalk north of the 4th Avenue crosswalk. Sandy agreed to find out if this idea is feasible with the City and the Montana MDT. It was also suggested that a grant to improve the 10th Street walking bridge to improve the aesthetics of the bridge could also be a good use of a grant.

Other Business:

The Ice Cream Social has been confirmed for August 20 at Carter Park from Noon to 2:00 p.m. The Park has been reserved and Mr. Frosty committed to the date and time.

Neighborhood Petitions and Communications: Barb Warden reported that the jet engine has abated considerably. The noise from the Montana Resources/Calumet Refinery has not gone away, although it appears to be lessening in frequency. Barb, City Commissioner Joe McKenney, and the management are in contact.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL: Troy Lane asked reported that the Whittier School playground is locked for pavement repair but should be open to the public as soon as the repair is finished, hopefully within a week.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 14, 2023

Agenda suggestions: Missouri Room: future use as Municipal Court
Crimestoppers presentation
Reports on the Calumet grant proposals
Public Safety Levy on November's ballot

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m. on unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Rice, Secretary