

Neighborhood Council #7
Monday, **September 11, 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; City of Great Falls Liaison Lanni Krasner; Neighbors Carolyn Talbot, Jan Herzog, Michael Yegerlehner, Jane Weber, Jerry Clark, and Carole Ann Clark.

The August Minutes were approved with the corrections.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Downtown Development Partnership: Recommended approval for requests for TIF funds were voted on and the recommendations will be forwarded to the City Commission. The projects are for a fire suppression system, ADA curb cuts on Central Avenue, and 7th Street landscaping by the O-Haire Manor hotel. Brock Cherry was introduced as the new Director of Community Planning and Development. There are 11 new ArtsFest murals in the downtown area.

Brownfield Committee: No report

Downtown Safety Alliance: Officer Patrick Levitt was told about the neighborhood complaints regarding the 8th Street South problem properties. Coins for a Cause boxes have been repaired and are ready to be reinstalled. The bids for alleyway lighting came back nearly twice the budget, so this project will be revisited. Safety Levy presentations will be made at all 9 Neighborhood Council meetings.

Strategic Planning/Neighborhood Outreach: Troy went over the hand-outs used for neighbor contacts.

Council of Councils: Next meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2023

Crime Mapping Report: Lisa reported one month statistics.

Ice Cream Social recap: Attendance was not as numerous as hoped. For next year, Frosty of Montana has offered to distribute flyers as they make their usual rounds the week before the August social. Several other recommendations to publicize the event were: approaching Alluvion to possibly sponsor along with NeighborWorks Great Fall and outreach with all churches within the N C 7 boundaries.

NEW BUSINESS

The format for the October Council 7 meeting was discussed at length. Trevor moved that we suspend committee reports and have only the safety presentation from city officials, including a Q and A period. Each of the five presenters will be asked to limit their contribution to 5 minutes. Troy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

NEIGHBORHOOD PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Carolyn Talbot reported that she has filed 16 citizen complaints regarding the nuisance properties on 8th Street South, particularly 317 through 327 8th Street South. Jan Herzog reiterated from the August meeting that the problems are ongoing.

Michael Yegerlehner invited N C 7 and any neighbors to the Housed Great Falls Open House on October 14. This is a gathering of organizations, stakeholders, and concerned citizens serving the City's homeless population. He also distributed donation flyers for the proposed tiny home shelter.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL: Sandy has agreed to serve on a Library Committee tasked with finding options and solutions for the vagrant problems occurring at the Library Park.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 9, 2023

Agenda suggestions: Public Safety Levy (October)

Whittier School (November) Sandy will contact Char

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. on unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Rice, Secretary