Neighborhood Council #7 Monday, **December 11, 2023**, 7:00 p.m. Gibson Room, Civic Center

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

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, Lisa Meyers, and Sandy Rice; City of Great Falls Liaison Lanni Klasner; Council Members Troy Lane and Trevor Mikkelsen was absent. Roll call of the Council was completed and a quorum established. Guests present were Neighbors Jane Weber, Bill Wadman, and Rose Schuster.

OLD BUSINESS

The November Minutes were approved as submitted. Committee Reports:

Downtown Development Partnership: Kellie Pierce wants ideas on where more and better lighting is needed downtown; the 2024 Public Arts Project is considering more sculptures; a Wayfinding kiosk will be up soon; there are three new small businesses locating downtown; the Roberts building on 6th Street and Central Avenue will be upgraded.

Brownfield Committee: 2024 Brownfield funds should be released soon.

Downtown Safety Alliance: the December DSA meeting was focused on implementation of the 2021 Downtown Safety Plan; most of the benchmarks have been met, and several are on-going with one yet to be implemented.

Council of Councils: The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2024. Lisa asked that Council members bring ideas and concerns to the January 8 Council meeting.

Strategic Planning: no report

Crime Mapping Report: Lisa presented quarterly statistics and noted several trends.

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEIGHBORHOOD PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Concern was expressed regarding the safety of the crane hovering over Central Avenue at the Rocky Mountain Building, as work on the rehab has paused. Lanni noted that Alluvion has the intent to move the crane to the parking lot north of the building. Sandy agreed to contact Tom Micuda to see if that process can be expedited.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL: Lanni reminded the Council that the swearing in ceremony for the 2024-25 Neighborhood Council members will be held Tuesday, December 19 in Commission Chambers at 5:00. A reception will follow in the Gibson Room.

Linda noted that a representative from NC 7 for the Downtown Development Partnership will be needed in 2024. Sandy reported a successful resolution to the non-operating street lights problem brought up at the November meeting. Seven lights were fixed within 10 days of Lanni reporting the problem to NorthWestern Energy.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 8, 2024

Agenda suggestions: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. on unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Rice, Secretary