

Neighborhood Council #7
Monday, January 8, 2024, 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 Troy Lane, Trevor Mikkelsen, Lisa Meyers, Sandy Rice, and Allison Tangen; City of Great Falls Liaison Lanni Krasner.

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

Guests present were Neighbors Jane Weber, Sarah and Tyler Steil, Great Falls Public Library Director Susie McIntyre, and student observer Alaline Fowler

OLD BUSINESS

The December Minutes were approved with a grammatical correction.

Committee Reports:

Downtown Development Partnership: No report

Brownfield Committee: Trevor reported that the 2024 kickoff is scheduled for Monday, January 15.

Downtown Safety Alliance: Sandy and Susie reported that the ACLU and law enforcement agencies will present a talk on Hate in the Library on Tuesday, January 30 from 3:00 o 5:00 p.m.

Council of Councils: The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2024: focus will be on City of Great Falls Growth Policy.

Strategic Planning: Sandy distributed updated Neighborhood Guide to the City Code. The half sheet Whom to Call handouts that were created by NC 7 have outdated phone numbers, so Sandy suggested that NC 7 recycle any copies on hand and start using the Neighborhood Guide as part of outreach. Troy suggested that we revisit what and how we are doing outreach at the February meeting.

Crime Mapping Report: No report as the system has been down for about three weeks.

NEW BUSINESS: The current slate of officers was reelected: Lisa Meyers, Chair, Troy Lane, Vice-chair, Sandy Rice, Secretary.

Council members were asked to review the by-laws and bring suggestions and/or corrections to the February meeting.

As Linda Daggett did not run for reelection, NC 7 Troy Lane volunteered to be the NC 7 representative on the Downtown Development Partnership.

NEIGHBORHOOD PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: The arm of the crane in use at the Rocky Mountain Building has been repositioned over the building instead of over Central Avenue for safety. Alluvion's grant money has been released and work on the Rocky Mountain Building will commence by February, so the arm may be repositioned.

The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation with have a panel discussion about hate on Tuesday, January 16, from 5:30 to 8:00 pm, presented by Great Falls Rising. The Library presentation on January 30 is a separate event.

Susie McIntyre announced programs being presented at the Library and reported on the Library Park Task Force recommendation that the Band Shell in the Park be torn down. The paved area and electrics will remain, so summer band concerts and events will still be held.

Jane Weber reported that the Methodist Church on 2nd Avenue North needs volunteers to help with the drop-in center from 5:30 to 9:30 during extreme cold weather.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL: Troy noted that the Johnson-Madison warehouse on 8th Avenue North is being re-sided and looks much better.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 12, 2024

Agenda suggestions: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm on unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Rice, Secretary