

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #7  
Monday, August 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m.  
Gibson Room, Civic Center

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was brought to order at 7:03 by Chair Trevor Mikkelsen, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were Council Members Troy Lane, Trevor Mikkelsen, Sandy Rice, and Bill Wadmon. Council Member Allison Tangen was absent. Roll call of the Council was completed and a quorum established.

Guest present was Jane Weber

**OLD BUSINESS**

The July Minutes were approved as submitted.

Committee Reports

Downtown Development Partnership: TIF funds for the Mansfield roof and seats improvements were approved and sent to City Commission for final approval. The TIF funds requested were about \$40,000, out of the budgeted \$600,000 cost of the repairs. Available seating for the Mansfield Theater will drop about 300 seats, as the replacement seats are larger than the current seats.

Brownfield Committee: No Report

Downtown Safety Alliance: The Unhoused Coalition has been providing water at the Library during the recent hot spell. As Basic Sanitation is a Human Right, the DDP is looking into different portable toilets for the downtown area. Section 8 Housing wait list has been closed. Snits Bar repainted the mural on the side of their building in less than a year: future mural contracts will have a three year minimum section.

Council of Councils: Next meeting of the Council of Councils will be in September.

Strategic Planning/ Neighborhood Watch: No Report

Crime Mapping Report: Trevor read the statistic report compiled by Lisa Meyers. Sandy noted that she will send a thank you note to Lisa for her help in this endeavor.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Ice Cream Social: Scheduled on August 18, from noon to 2:00 p.m. Frosty of Montana will provide refreshments. Sandy has submitted the NWGF grant application to cover the cost of Ice Cream and to reimburse Troy for the Neighborhood Watch flyers sent out with the June Wednesday envelopes at Whittier School. Sandy confirmed with Parks & Rec that NC7 has reserved Carter Park. Krista made 100 copies of the Ice Cream Social flyer: Sandy gave 75 to Frosty of Montana to distribute during the NC 7 routes. Jane Weber took copies to distribute while she is knocking on doors. Troy agreed to bring trash bags and barrels. Sandy missed the new flyer; we will use the new flyer next year.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**NEIGHBORHOOD PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL:** There was discussion about the crosswalks on 9<sup>th</sup> Street, questions about the proposed changing 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets back to two way traffic, the long-range plan from the Forestry Department regarding the trees in the Boulevard District, and the proliferation of marijuana dispensaries in the NC7 area. Sandy agreed to contact the City and ask that a representative from the various departments come to a future NC7 meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 9, 2024

Agenda suggestions: Invite City Traffic Department to report on 9<sup>th</sup> Street North crosswalks and proposal to change 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets back to two way traffic

Invite City Forestry to bring NC7 up to date on tree removal and replacement in the Boulevard District and Gibson Park

Invite City Planning and Development to discuss marijuana dispensaries in the City

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm on unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Rice, Secretary