

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #7
Monday, **September 9, 2024**, 7:00 p.m.
Gibson Room, Civic Center

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 by Chair Trevor Mikkelsen, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Council Members Troy Lane, Trevor Mikkelsen, Sandy Rice, Allison Tangen, and Bill Wadmon and Neighborhood Council Liaison Rob Moccasin. Roll call of the Council was completed and a quorum established. Neighbors present were Patrick Inglis, Kellie Pierce, Ramona Ramadas, Scott Reasoner, Don Ryan, Rose Schusler, and Jane Weber. Student observers were Sally Smith and Sydney Simons.

OLD BUSINESS

The August Minutes were approved as submitted.

Committee Reports

Downtown Development Partnership: The DDP meeting reviewed TIF funding recap, including grants applied for and approved. Kellie distributed a sheet on the TIF Cashflow Projection Estimate. Alluvion Health is committed to the Rocky Mountain Building at 6th and Central but is awaiting funding. There is a mural map including the new murals available on the DDP website. The theme for the Christmas Stroll is Luau.

Brownfield Committee: No Report

Downtown Safety Alliance: The Library reported a marked decrease in the number of police calls at the Library since the Safety Specialists were hired. The police are getting out of their cars when downtown to facilitate interaction with citizens. The DDP is reviewing front door agencies for possible recipient of the Coins for a Cause funds in January. City Commissioner Shannon Wilson is spearheading an effort to get public toilet facilities in the Downtown area.

Council of Councils: Next meeting of the Council of Councils is scheduled for October 22, 2024.

Strategic Planning/ Neighborhood Watch: No Report

Crime Mapping Report: No report

Ice Cream Social recap: The attendance was not what we hoped for, about 40-45 people came. Sandy recommended that we revisit the Ice Cream Social event in the spring, possible changing the venue from Carter Park and to have the event while school is in session, either June or September, as other Neighborhood Councils have had better turnout during those months.

NEW BUSINESS: Introduction of Rob Moccasin as the Neighborhood Council Liaison with the City. Rob reviewed his background and what he hopes to bring to the position.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

NEIGHBORHOOD PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Sandy reported on her contacts with City departments regarding previous neighborhood concerns. Eric Boyd from Transportation is conducting a traffic study on 9th Street at 3rd and 4th Avenues North and will present the results at our October meeting. He said the change over from one-ways for 5th and 6th Streets is not being considered at this time. Kellie Pierce of the Business Improvement District said that this change is part of the long-range plans of the BID. Lonnie Hill from the City Planning Office noted that the City Commission placed restrictions on the zoning for marijuana dispensaries, but did not limit the number of outlets. Todd Seymanski from the City Forestry Department has committed to attending our December meeting to bring the Council up to date on the Boulevard District plans.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL: Troy brought up the current negotiations between the Library Board and the City Commission regarding future funding of the Library. The current Library budget includes 7 mils from the General Fund per an agreement signed in 1993. The City wants to renegotiate that agreement. Allison pointed out that the Council cannot vote to weigh in on the subject as the Library negotiations must be on the published agenda. The Council will place the subject on the October 14 agenda. Sandy suggested that we invite Franklin Gilbert, the new principal of Whittier School and Breanne Foster, the new Whittier Resource teacher, to a future meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 14, 2024

Agenda suggestions: Library funding – October
Public Safety funding options – October
Eric Boyd, Traffic - October
Todd Symanski, City Forester - December

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm on unanimous vote. Respectfully submitted, Sandra Rice, Secretary