

Neighborhood Council #7 Minutes
Monday, March 10, 2025, 7:00 P.M.
Gibson Room, Great Falls Civic Center

Call To Order:

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by chair Trevor Mikkelsen with the Pledge of Allegiance. Neighborhood Council #7 members in attendance were Trevor Mikkelsen, Troy Lane, Allison Tangen, and Bill Wadman. Sandy Rice was absent. City liaison Rob Mocassin was present. Roll call was completed and a quorum established. Community members present were Rose Schuster and Marcela Carrillo. Also attending was Charles Goodman from NeighborWorks.

Old Business: The February minutes were amended. The word "special" was changed to "next" in the last sentence in the Council of Councils report. No motion was made to accept the minutes. This will need to be done in the April meeting.

Committee Reports:

Downtown Development Partnership (DDP): Troy Lane reported that the DDP was reviewing and discussing two new TIFF applications. Last month Times Square was awarded TIFF money for safety improvements. An International Development Group is coming to Great Falls in June and is expecting around 500 attendees. The painting of traffic signal boxes has been completed. Most of the wayfinding kiosks have been completed around town. The last kiosk will be completed at the airport when construction is finished. The city will start booting the cars of parking violators who have five or more violations. And the downtown is looking to use some TIFF money to do some tree work and cleanup before summer.

Brownfield Committee: No report

Downtown Safety: No report

Council of Councils: No Report

Strategic Planning: No report

City Safety Funding: No report

New Business:

Charles Goodman gave a presentation on NeighborWorks of Great Falls. NeighborWorks strives to work with individual residents within the community through loans, homebuyer education and new building, to keep or procure new housing. The Baatz building will be completed in June. NeighborWorks has grant applications for people or organizations that have ideas on how to better your neighborhood. Neighborhood Council #7 used some of this money for an Ice Cream Social last summer. NeighborWorks is teaming up with other organizations to sponsor a Community Cleanup April 25-26.

Other Business:

Petitions, Communications, Updates:

Troy Lane made a motion that Neighborhood Council #7 support the Community Cleanup in April and clean up Carter Park. Allison Tangen seconded. The motion passed. Plans will be finalized at the April meeting.

Troy Lane received an email sent to the Neighborhood Councils from the Yellowstone-Teton Clean Cities Coalition. They are dedicated to advancing alternative fuels, vehicles, infrastructure and sustainable transportation opportunities in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. They are looking to expand this mission to communities like Great Falls.

A couple resident concerns were discussed, and the residents have been encouraged to file a citizen complaint form with the city.

Neighborhood Council: No report

Agenda Suggestions: Todd Symanski, City Forester, April meeting.

Allison Tangen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Troy Lane seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 on unanimous vote.

Submitted by Bill Wadman, Neighborhood Council #7.