

Neighborhood Council #7
Monday, July 14th, 2025 7:00 p.m.
Gibson Room, Great Falls Civic Center

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Trevor Mikkelsen with the Pledge of allegiance. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established. In attendance were Council Members Allison Tangen, Bill Wadman, Trevor Mikkelsen, Troy Lane and Liaison Rob Moccasin. Neighbors present were Charles Goodman(NWGF), and Representative Jane Weber.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of the June minutes was table until next month.

Committee Reports:

Downtown Development Partnership: The next mural projects downtown will be done Aug. 9th-16th behind the Time Square building. The alley lighting project has been completed. Pressure washing of the downtown sidewalks are done. The new garbage cans have been ordered; we hope to start putting them out this fall. The next night market is July 25th and Summer Jam is July 16th. There is a video game competition on August 2nd at the 511 Center. SB3 Made changes to the TIF program requiring the city to appoint an advisory board to approve applications. The DDP currently acts in that role by has not been appointed, so we will wait to see if any changes need to be made. Music in the park behind the library is on the 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th of July.

Brownfield Committee: No report

Downtown Safety Alliance: No report

Council of Councils: No report

Strategic Planning: No report

City Safety Funding: No report

NEW BUSINESS:

Representative Jane Weber gave a review of the new tax bills. The new Tax program is implemented over the next two years. In 2025 there are 3-tiers the lowest tax rate is 0.76% moving up to 2.2% as a owner's home value increase. In 2026 there is a four-tiered rate structure. Please see meeting document for specific details. The overall discussion was about addressing funding needs while alleviating challenge tax burdens on home owners. Jane provided detailed tax information and insight into the process of passing legislation.

Ice cream social Planning. The council will be applying for a grant from NeighborWorks for \$250. \$100 for Ice cream at the social and \$150 for T-shirts for neighborhood council members. The social will be scheduled for Sunday August 17th from 11am to 1pm at Carter Park. Trevor will contact Mr. Frosty and Rob will contact the parks department to reserve the park.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Charles Goodman reported that they will be moving furniture into the Baatz building soon, arranging more tour times, and residents should start moving in the 1st week of September. August 6th is Non-profit night at the Voyager's ball park. Tickets bought through NeighborWorks will help support the organization.

NEIGHBORHOOD PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

On July 5th two homes on the 800 block of 4th Avenue North were broken into and loaded gun was found then next day by Whitter school.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL:

Next Meeting: Monday August 11th, 2025, at the Civic Center

Agenda Suggestions: An insurance rating representative regarding fire response and insurance cost to residents.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm on unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted, Troy Lane Vice Chair