

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #7  
Monday, **September 8**, 2025 7:00 p.m.  
Gibson Room, Great Falls 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 Wadman and Liaison Rob Moccasin. Roll call of the Council was completed and a quorum established.

Neighbors present were Charles Goodman (NWGF), Leesha Ford (Toby's House), Margaret Mitchell (Senate Candidate), Zeclan Stober, Eric Hinebauch, Amy Pullian, Lonnie Klasner (Calumet), and student observers Allison Stark, Hannah Sollid, and Hudson Sollid.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The August Minutes were approved as submitted.

Committee Reports:

Downtown Development Partnership: TIF funds were reallocated to both North and South parking garages. To help with the financing of the garages, parking fines and pedlet rents have been increased. Additional TIF funds were allocated to the renovation of the Mansfield Theatre due to increased costs over the original estimates.

Brownfield Committee: no report

Downtown Safety Alliance: did not meet in September. There has been a request to the GFD for statistics on the effectiveness of the 2025 Summer Safety Initiative.

Council of Councils: Next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2025. Trevor will attend in Allison's place.

Strategic Planning: no report

City Safety Funding: no report

**NEW BUSINESS:** Lanni Klasner reported on the Calumet and Montana Renewables tax information, including the protested property taxes for Calumet. Montana Renewables has not protested the property tax assessment. This information will also be presented at the October Council of Council meeting.

Eric Hinebauch reported on the homeowner insurance rates are impacted by the Public Protection Class ratings regarding fire protection. Highest rating is "1"; Great Falls was a "3" but was reduced to a "4" when the safety levy did not pass. "10" is the worst rating allowable. Ratings are determined by the Insurance Services Offices, Inc. and are reviewed every five years.

Leesha Ford reported that the option to reserve part of Carter Park for an upgraded Toby's Crisis Nursery has been discarded permanently as a stakeholder has purchased an empty lot at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South and 7th Avenue South and has committed to building the new Toby's House Crisis Nursery. The Board of Directors for Toby's House is hoping to have a member of NC 7 agree to sit on the Board.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Charles Goodman of NWGF invited NC 7 to the ribbon cutting celebration for the Baatz supportive housing building on September 15 at 3:00. Recommendations for eligible residents have been forwarded from Opportunities, Inc.

**NEIGHBORHOOD PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL:** Thirty-nine people attended the NC 7 Ice Cream Social on August 17 at Carter Park. New playground equipment is being installed at Morony Park.

Next Meeting: Monday September 8, 2025, at the Civic Center.

Agenda suggestions:

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm on unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Rice, Secretary