

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #7

Monday, **October 13**, 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 Nickolol Horm, Amanda Horn, Chris Horn, Mike Parchen, Naomi Robertson, Scott Krusen, Sheila Rice, Giovanni Bosi, Gretchen Yowell, Jane Weber, Margaret Mitchell, and Rose Schuster

OLD BUSINESS:

The September Minutes were approved with a name spelling correction.

Committee Reports:

Downtown Development Partnership: There will be a Day of the Dead parade on November 1. Mainstreet funds have been allocated for lighting the murals in 1st Alley South. The Central Avenue West/First Avenue North underpass murals will be repainted. Per newly passed state law, the TIF Committee must be appointed by the City Commission. A October 21 meeting is scheduled for discussing/appointing TIF Committees for the four TIF districts. Each district needs to have at least five appointees.

Brownfield Committee: no report

Downtown Safety Alliance: The Growth Policy data is being collated and summarized. A Community Resource Guide is available. The new Municipal Courts are open and operating in the previous Missouri Room space. A bison mural has been painted on the side of Todd's Music and Sound building, 809 1st Avenue North, as part of the national Bison Migration Project.

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: the safety committee is continuing to meet to discuss plans.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gretch Yowell of the Cascade County Elections office reported on the new ballot laws enacted by the State Legislature. This will be the last ballot allowing write-in candidates unless the name has been submitted to the Election Office. If a person running for office fails to file in time for the ballot and wants to run as a write-in candidate, the name must be submitted to the Election Office. This year's ballot is the first to require the year of birth on the verification (outside) envelope.

Sheila Rice presented information on the new Homeless to Housing Hub being created by several of the front door agencies working with the unhoused.

OTHER BUSINESS:

NEIGHBORHOOD PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Jane Weber reported that many of the streetlights in the lower north side are out again. She has reported the outages to NorthWestern Energy, and they have not responded.

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Next Meeting: Monday November 10, 2025, at the Civic Center.

Agenda suggestions:

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm on unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Rice, Secretary