

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #7
Monday, **December 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 Jane Weber, Charles Goodman, Brian Thompson, Kevin Vining, Scott Reasoner, and Burke Wallace.

OLD BUSINESS:

The November Minutes were approved as amended.

Committee Reports:

Downtown Development Partnership: Per the new regulations, applications to be considered for the Partnership are now available. Neighborhood Council members, as elected officials, are not eligible. There have been problems with the downtown speaker system which are being addressed. A grant application to Montana Main Street for alley lighting has been submitted. The problems with downtown parking, which is running a large deficit, are being reviewed in continuing meetings. The Police Department is exploring options on more downtown patrols now that the SRO officers are back in the schools.

Brownfield Committee: Trevor reported that he was not getting support emails, which has now been fixed. There are currently six projects being considered; this will be reduced to two or three before funds are allocated.

Downtown Safety Alliance: The metrics from the 2021 Safety Plan are ongoing. There was a discussion with good ideas for the parking problems. The Growth Policy group continues to meet and hopes to have an April release of their findings.

Council of Councils: Did not meet.

Strategic Planning: no report

City Safety Funding: the City Safety Committee is continuing to meet every other week.

NEW BUSINESS:

Preliminary plans for an Electric City Bike Park were reviewed. This Plan was presented to get the word out and start the momentum for the Park. The Park would be constructed in the little used part of Hurd Park/Elks Riverside Park between the dog park and the tennis courts. Donations will be handled through Peoples' Park and Rec Foundation, a 501c organization. Jane Weber had several good referrals for funding opportunities.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Charles Goodman, director of the Baatz Building supportive housing project, reported that the investor review was passed and now the real work of helping the residents is beginning.

NEIGHBORHOOD PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL: Trevor will arrange a Calumet tour sometime in the spring.

Next Meeting: Monday January 12, 2025, at the Civic Center.

Agenda suggestions:

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm on unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Rice, Secretary