

Neighborhood Council 7
September 9, 2013
Great Falls Civic Center, Gibson Room, 7 p.m.

Council Members present: Amber Gardner, Tracy Houck, Michael Shell, and Patty Cadwell, ex-officio

Guests: Alvina Sayers, Ashley Shell, Don Petrini, Becky Petrini, and Keegan Charpentier

7:06 p.m. Michael Shell called the meeting to order and led the council in the pledge

Approval of August Minutes - Tracy will submit a written report indicating the council had discussion, but made no formal action

Committee reports:

City Commission: None

Downtown Development Partnership: The DDP has filed for a nonprofit status and plans to have an open house in the future.

Council vacancy: Alvina Sayers and Ashley Shell both attended the meeting and are on the fall ballot. She was a previous council members. Tracy made the motion to nominate Alvina to council 7, Amber seconded. Approved unanimously.

Open House Planning: Tracy will submit the agenda to the GFPS for approval October 14. Aaron suggested making flyers and getting them out to the residents and they provided snacks donated by local businesses. Patty can print flyers for us. Could we do PSA, City 7, Community Spotlight, etc. How will we market? How will we entice people to attend?

We are the only council with seven council candidates are running.

NEW BUSINESS

City Commission & Mayoral Candidates

Aaron Purcell introduced himself, shared his community involvements and his platforms. He is running on a platform of building a culture to bring kids back to Great Falls: growing new business, building existing businesses, and re-evaluating ordinances to support our growth. He is running for mayor.

Don Petrini introduced himself. He shared that he is conservative in his spending but is also concerned that they city keeps taking away budget from the people (Natatorium, municipal bands) Hopes that he can help Don is running for commissioner

OTHER BUSINESS

Commission Meet & Greet - Michael is looking to put together a non-political meet and greet to have candidates meet the public on a personal level.

Neighborhood Concerns: Alvina shared that she was a block away from a Meth Bust and did not know anything about it. Heard of two others. She would like to have residents know more when this kind of activity is happening. What are the neighborhood concerns? Environmental issues, Youth issues, etc?

ADJOURN - 8:25 p.m.

Next Meeting Tentatively October 14, 2013 at Whittier School