

Neighborhood Council 7

September 8, 2014

Civic Center – Gibson Room, 7pm

Council Members in attendance were Tracy Houck, Jim Super and Trevor Mikkelsen. Amber Gardner was absent. Patty Cadwell Neighborhood Council Coordinator was present as well.

7:05 p.m. Chair Tracy Houck called the meeting to order. Jim Super led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

Old Business:

Minutes of August 11 meeting were moved to be adopted by Jim, seconded by Trevor, carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Council of Councils: No meeting until October.

Downtown Development Partnership: Tracy reported on the urban art project, some concerns about water damage. Way finding was discussed as regards the signage and how to identify what is going on about town. TIP funding disbursement was discussed as well as the Downtown Master plan.

Police Advisory Board: No meeting this month.

New Business:

Starting last November the parking commission started to address the need to increase revenue to fund the Parking system. Meetings were held with BID and other interested parties about the courtesy parking program, fines and rates as ways to increase revenue. There are a number of ordinances that will need to be rewritten to conform to how the system is currently working as opposed to how the ordinances currently exist. Currently \$1.8 million in deficiencies exist in the parking system. The financial status of the system is day to day operations are covered but deferred maintenance is increasing and revenues do not cover maintenance costs. Maintenance has been deferred for over a decade. Several methods of increasing revenue has been proposed including increasing parking rates, fines, courtesy parking and charging a fee for residential permits. There will be a meeting of the parking commission on Sept 15 @ 3:00PM in the Rainbow Room. If residential permit fees are instituted no guarantee of a parking space will available.

Other business:

Candidate introductions:

Norman Anderson – Democratic candidate for County Commission introduced himself and gave a little of his history and thoughts on local County government.

Vonnie Brown – Democratic candidate for Senate District 11 introduced herself and gave her history and philosophy of government.

Jean Price running for House District 24 as a Democrat introduced herself and spoke to her candidacy. She is a retired teacher.

Jim Larson running for County Commission as a Republican introduced himself and gave his history and thoughts on County Government.

Neighborhood Concerns:

A new group home on the 400 block of 5<sup>th</sup> St N has registered sexual offenders living there and it was brought to the council's attention that neighbors are concerned about this group home and the registered offenders living there. Patty suggested having Dawn Handa or another representative from probation and parole come to talk about what citizens can and can't do.

Number of loose dogs, specifically Pit Bulls wandering the neighborhood of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave N.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 moved by Jim, seconded by Trevor.

October Agenda:

Next meeting will be Monday October 13. Topics include Probation and Parole responsibilities to local citizens. QLC group home management.