

Neighborhood Council 7

September 14, 2015

Civic Center – Gibson Room, 7pm

Council Members in attendance were Tracy Houck, Donna Hartelius, Jim Super and Trevor Mikkelsen. Lisa Meyers was absent. Patty Cadwell Neighborhood Council Coordinator was absent as well.

7:03 p.m. Chair Tracy Houck called the meeting to order and led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

Old Business:

Minutes of August meeting were moved to be adopted by Donna seconded by Jim, Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Police Report: No report, the Police Advisory Committee will meet Thursday September 17.

Council of Councils: No Report.

New Business:

Heather Rohlf with the City of Great Falls presented on code enforcement. Heather enforces on Health & Safety, She also enforces on vehicles and several of the city codes and ordinances. Swimming pools have been an issue this summer. Heather also explained about “collectors” and their properties being dangerous to inhabit. Heather provided pamphlets that detailed the city code enforcement processes.

Downtown Parking update by Craig Raymond. There were two main issues discussed.

First was an update on the \$25 residential parking permit program and what the value of this is. After much citizen comment the council determined that there is little value in this measure which we have opposed in the past. Donna made a motion to have the \$25 fee held until this can be reviewed by the City Council with a view to have it rescinded, seconded by Jim, carried unanimously.

Second was an update on the parking garages and their state of repair. Ike Kaufmann discussed the negative effect of the parking rate increases on his and other downtown businesses. Tracy spoke on behalf of Gary Hackett on his concerns about the vandalism and general feeling of insecurity for people parking in the ramps in the evenings and at night.

Tracy will find out when the next parking advisory council meets and will send that out to the email list derived from this meeting.

Candidate introductions:

Brad Livingston spoke about his life in Great Falls his career and his candidacy for the Great Falls City Commission.

Bob Kelly spoke about his current position on the City Commission and his candidacy for Mayor in the upcoming civic election.

Tracy Houck also identified that she is running for the City Commission.

Neighborhood Concerns:

Hazel Turoski discussed several incidents of vehicle vandalism on her property and in her immediate neighborhood especially in the alleyways.

Trevor moved that Neighborhood Council 7 asks for the assistance of the City Commission to help curtail the increase in crime and vandalism in our district. Seconded by Donna, carried unanimously.

Meeting moved to be adjourned by Jim @ 9:15, seconded by Donna, carried unanimously.

Next meeting October 19, 2015

Agenda: Set Free Ministries and Great Falls Police Department