

Neighborhood Council 7

April 8, 2016

Civic Center – Rainbow Room, 7pm

Council Members in attendance were Jim Super, Dustin Gibson, and Lisa Meyers. Mark Frisbie and Trevor Mikkelsen were absent. Patty Cadwell Neighborhood Council Coordinator was in attendance as well.

7:04 p.m. Lisa Meyers called the meeting to order and led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

Old Business:

Minutes of February meeting were moved to be adopted by Dustin seconded by Jim, Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Downtown Development: Jim had nothing to report.

Police Report: Mark was absent, so no report is available.

Brownfield Committee: Dustin reported that the committee met and voted on two proposals: Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art requested a phase I assessment and Neighborworks requested a phase II assessment of the Kranz property. The committee approved both assessments.

New Business:

Kristy Pontet-Stroop of Alliance for Youth and County Commissioner Jane Weber presented on the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and the Cascade County Health Needs Assessment. Background: The 2016 Cascade County Community Health Needs Assessment and subsequent Community Health Improvement Plan is a joint effort on the part of Cascade City-County Health Department, the United Way of Cascade County, and Benefis Health Systems. Based on the findings of the Community Health Needs Assessment, a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is being developed through a collaborative process with the community. This plan defines the vision for the health of the community, defines the priorities that the community wants addressed and sets out guidelines for how to achieve desired changes.

The presenters listed four of the priorities for the community (substance abuse and prevention, Get Fit Great Falls, access to healthcare, and child neglect and abuse) and explained each of the priorities in more depth. Kristy reminded the Council to show their support for child abuse prevention by wearing blue every Monday in April. Kristy also passed out a flyer to share with others about the prescription drug drop off taking place April 30th from 10AM-2PM at the Montana Highway Patrol.

Officer Tad Kimmet presented on the DDACTS (Data Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety) program. Officer Kimmet stated that the GFPD is revamping the way that they collect and use the data that the GFPD has been collecting and how they developing more accurate and useful maps on high crime areas (Neighborhood Council #7 has a high crime designation). The only crime that will not be tracked for data purposes as part of the DDACTS program is shoplifting. The program will start on May 1st and will run for approximately one year. The boundaries of the DDACTS enforcement area runs from Park Dr to 15th St and from 6th Ave N to 6th Ave S. Officer Kimmet said that all laws and ordinances within the DDACTS area will be strictly enforced and violators should expect a ticket, not a warning.

Other business:

Patty Cadwell reminded the Council that City Commission Work Session will be on Tuesday, May 17th at 5:30 PM and would be a good time for Neighborhood Council members to bring up their concerns.

Neighborhood Concerns:

None reported.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Next meeting May 9, 2016.