

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #7
Monday, **January 12**, 2026 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, Margaret Mitchell, Scott Reasoner, Doug McElroy and student observers Aiden Wilber, Chase Little, Jentri Nelson, Chevy Stump, Ryker Crore, Mark VanMjert, Jayden Simonsen, Adrian Wilson and Jonathan Dues.

OLD BUSINESS:

The December Minutes were approved as amended.

Committee Reports:

Downtown Development Partnership: Park Avenue to 9th Street North will have ADA ramps installed, the downtown speaker system is still be worked on, the alley lighting project for the murals is continuing with a possible TIF grant, parking rates have been temporarily increased to help offset the parking authority deficit and a long term solution is hoped for by April. The GFDA data center task force is holding informational meetings.

Brownfield Committee: Sandy informed Trevor about a Brownfield Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday evening that he had not been notified about. Trevor will contact the Committee to confirm.

Downtown Safety Alliance: Sandy will start the Neighborhood Council outreach in February. Ongoing public information programs are being scheduled at the Library.

Council of Councils: The winter meeting is scheduled for February 24.

Strategic Planning: no report

City Safety Funding: the City Safety Committee is continuing to meet every other Friday at the Realtors Building on 13th Avenue South and 4th Street South and are open to the public.

NEW BUSINESS:

The election of NC 7 officers was held. Sandy moved that current officers be retained if the Council Members agreed. All agreed and the motion passed unanimously. Trevor Mikkelsen, Chair and Brownfield Committee representative, Troy Lane, Vice Chair and DDP representative, Sandy Rice Secretary and Downtown Safety Alliance representative, Allison Tangen, Council of Councils Delegate.

NC 7 bylaws were reviewed without changes. It was moved and passed to have Rob Moccasin have the signature page updated and presented at the next meeting for signatures.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Charles Goodman, director of the Baatz Building supportive housing project, reported that the Baatz community is coming together. There was a Christmas breakfast and a New Year's Eve party that were well attended.

NEIGHBORHOOD PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Jane Weber reported a drug house complaint had been lodged and she will follow up.

The Parking Committee will meet January 16 from 9-11.

Rob reminded the Council of the mandatory training scheduled. Tuesday, January 27, in the Gibson Room.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL: None

Agenda items: February, Growth Policy presentation

March, Shane Entzweiler, Northwestern Energy presentation

Next Meeting: Monday February 9, 2025, at the Civic Center.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm on unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Rice, Secretary