

**Pioneer Park Task Force**  
**01-19-2016 7:00pm-8:00pm**

Attendees: Perry and Linda Moler, Cynthia Jurosch, Frances Harris, Lisa Galvin, Lue Ponich, Marge Hall, Riley Finnegan, Victor Brecht, Doug Ezell, Sharon Christensen, Jeff Kreidler, Brent Cromley

- I. **Meeting called to Order with Pledge by Perry Moler**
- II. **Corrections to minutes:** Officer Keightley name mis-spelled. Moved by Linda and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lue Minutes approved as corrected.
- III. **Officer Finnegan Report**– He is PPTF designated representative from the Police Dept. and will attend meetings if possible. He went to school and is a former officer from Glendive. 15 year officer here on Billings PD.
  - He will report on crime stats in neighborhood.
  - For us residents please report all suspicious activity.

Questions to Officer Finnegan:

Has the Bakken caused more crime in Billings? Officer Finnegan stated really can't attribute it to that specifically it is a lot of drugs, increase in population. Billings cycles through ups and downs like other communities this size.

On NextDoor blog there was theft in the neighborhood. Are officers patrolling area? Officer Finnegan stated to lock doors, keep lights on, lock cars, report immediately and use the neighborhood Nextdoor site. His sister and family lives in area so he patrols our area regularly.

IV. **Report on City Council Meetings:**

There was not going to be a report tonight from Brent Cromley as he was at a City Council Mtg. However, Brent did make the PPTF meeting and reported on the evenings Council Mtg. It was a working session and there are new council members needing to be briefed on upcoming issues. Two topics onboard for the Council will be:

- Dogs allowed in parks – will they begin to enforce the law?
- Pot Bellied Pigs in city limits?

V. **Old Business:**

Newsletter – Lue asked “What would you like to see?” Comments were:

- Calendar of events in Pioneer Park
- Gardening tips – flower hanging baskets, presentation from Extension Agent
- Scams, Do Not Call List for Land lines and Cell Phones
- Recycling article, prices, companies, electronics, as well
- Spring Clean Up Day
- Snow Angel acknowledgement
- Request Articles through Nextdoor
- Walking Map with Distance – Check with St V's??? Mapmyrun.com
- Arbor Day Info – article on trees

Please send articles ideas, etc. to [Pioneerparktf@gmail.com](mailto:Pioneerparktf@gmail.com)

VI. **Agenda Items for next meeting:**

- Historic District Update – Western Heritage Center Update
- County Extension Agent – Representative to speak on gardening, trees, etc.
- Presentation on Republic/Earth First – Several folks interested in recycle article and guest speaker
- Neighborhood Clean Up – Bright and Beautiful
- Attain Non-Profit Status - Perry will investigate

VII. **Safety Update from Perry:**

Question on: speeding radar signs, speed bumps, etc. our neighborhood

PPTF District has been put on the waiting list and we are several months away.

Officer Finnegan said he is happy to send over the traffic cops (gray cars) that can watch area especially by the school zone.

VIII. **Adjournment:**

Lisa motioned to adjourn, Linda seconded and motion carried.

Respectively Submitted by Marge Hall