

Pioneer Park Task Force Neighborhood Meeting - July 17, 2016

Attendees: Perry and Linda Moler, Marge Hall, Lue Ponich, Mike Yakawich, MarCee Neary, Dave Gordan, Sandra Scocozzo, Brent Cromley, A Cromley, Natalie Vessa, Riley Finnegan, Lisa Galvin, Peter Lemeir

- I. **Meeting Called to Order with Pledge of Allegiance** by Perry
- II. **Introductions** made by Perry – Brent Cromley Councilman, Mike Yakowich Councilman, MarCee Neary Crisis Center, Riley Finnegan Billings Police Dept., Dave Gorton concerned neighbor on water quality.
- III. **Review of Handouts:** Agenda, May 2016 Minutes, Water Report 2015 – City of Billings Water Report, NextDoor – website used for communication handout, Newsletter, Crisis Center, Dave Gorton – agenda confirmation regarding the water issue
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** – Brent moved to approve, Officer Finnegan seconded. Motion passed
- V. **Dave Gordon** – Property owner for 40 years in neighborhood stated he has continued concerns on the water pressure and lead pipe in PPTF district. Most of the water mains in our area have not been replaced, except for Ave B and C. Other areas in our neighborhood have had pieces/parts replaced. The west end is getting pipe replaced that is 50 years newer. Mike and Brent recommended to write a letter to the City Council and address to them to present issues.
- VI. **Officer Finnegan** presented a statistics sheet for June for the area, which is attached, and the most concerning was a white male in his 50's videoing and taking pictures of kids at the park.
- VII. **Lisa Galvin and fiancée** mentioned the continued speeding issues in our area especially down Virginia Ln, North 32nd, and all streets leading to the hospital area. Councilmen added that speed bumps are \$1500 and to try the little green construction men for \$40 bucks at Lowes that say Slow Down. Once you have speed bumps then you have no snow removal on the street. Perry will check again with Tom Keightley on electric speed check sign. There has been a minimum 3 month wait list so our area should be getting it soon.
- VIII. **Councilman Reports:** Brent stated the Council passed the budget in June and hired 4 additional police officers of which they need to fill 10 more. Mike has been looking at abandoned homes on south side and heights of which weeds, dry grass, broken windows, etc., all become issues. If you have neighbors with 12"+ high weeds, call Code Enforcement. Finally "Dogs in Park on Leash" comes up for a vote on the 25th.
- IX. **MarCee Neary from the Crisis Center:** Celebrating 10 year existence and it has turned into a command post for police dept, as well as becoming the system of care other than the hospital. The center houses 18 beds and is a Mental Health-Substance Abuse Triage funded by grants, mill levy, private donations, and a 50/50 donation between the two hospitals. A case manager has been hired and works with the staff to help the clients develop life skills through Assessments, Setting Goals, Plans and Encouragement. As neighbors to the Crisis Center, please reach out if there are any questions or concerns.
- X. **New Business:** Perry asked for Speaker interest for future meetings? He will ask for representative or Director from Water Dept. and/or City Traffic Director on speed issues. Mike inquired on Noise Ordinance as well.
- XI. **Adjournment:** Motion by Brent Cromley and seconded by Lue Ponich. Motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,
Marge Hall – PPTF Secretary