

SOUTH SIDE TASK FORCE MEETING
THURSDAY, September 21, 2017
REGULAR MEETING 6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
Current LOCATION: PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
409 SOUTH 36TH STREET, BILLINGS, MONTANA

- 6:30 pm Call to order by Chair Matt Lundgren
Introduction of guests
- 6:33 pm Sergeant West Police report, See attached
Their was a request of any information that might be available on trends.
- 6:43 pm Councilmen from Ward 1, Mike Yakawich report, see attached
- 6:49 pm MMSC for Secretary's report from August
- 6:50 pm MMSC for Treasures' report from August
- 6:51 pm Old Business
- The Chair reports we are not getting satisfaction from the City Parks department concerning the South Side Splash pad. We are again promised it will be done this year.
 - The August Graffiti paint over was a success.
A residence expressed concern over loud private political comments among the executives while painting.
 - Beware contaminated intravenous needles in the grass on the boulevards and in the parks. Discussion ensued as to now to get a secure contaminated sharps receptacles in the parks and on the street corners in the south side.
- 7:05 pm Break
- 7:09 pm presentation of Good Neighbor Certificates.
Jim Ronquillo, former City Councilman and Treasurer of the SSNTF presented a certificate to James and Marlene Pounce as homeowners for the beautiful way they maintain their private residence.
Matt Lundgren, Executive Director of Friendship House of Christian Service presented a certificate to Colin Franks of Phillips 66 Refinery for the way they managed themselves in our neighborhood during their recent turn-around and for hosting a very successful Meet-n-Eat picnic in South Park.
Jim Ronquillo also presented a certificate to Jan Beggar of Passages, Inc for encouraging and overseeing 9 of their helpful residents in a beautiful Graffiti Paint Over.
- 7:16 pm New Business
A resident requested research 'Sober House'.
- 7:33 pm Presentations of up coming activies.
see attachments

7:40 pm Adjournment

CURRENT GOALS (Revised January 2017)

1. Add 10 new members to our Task Force.
2. Recruit and mentor new leadership for the Task Force.
3. Replace South Park curbs and gutters and add a spray park and wading pool.
4. Support more single family home ownership in the South Side Neighborhood.
5. Organize and encourage new activities to enhance the use of South Park.
6. Reach out to and encourage South Side businesses to attend our Task Force meetings.
7. Address drug houses, gang issues and graffiti in our Neighborhood whenever possible.
8. Seek to address homelessness and transient issues in our Neighborhood.
9. Eliminate boarded-up houses on the South Side.
10. Advocate for safe places for children on the South Side.
11. Work to hold landlords accountable.