

# West End Task Force | Minutes

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June 19th , 2018 | 7pm Faith E Church

Meeting called by Tiffany Wardell  
Type of meeting Monthly WETF  
Chairman: Tiffany Wardell  
Vice Chairman: Bob Deines  
Secretary: Karen Freeman

Guests: Sgt. Shane Sheldon

## AGENDA TOPICS

Approval of May 2018 minutes:

Jan Stearns motioned to approve minutes

Rex Dietz seconded

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15 min | Agenda topic: *Police Report* | Presenter *Sgt. Shane Sheldon*

774 calls for service: 39 welfare checks, 13 suicide attempts, 16 harassment charges, 124 suspicious behavior calls, 6 animal control, 42 motor vehicle crashes (8) with injury, 55 disturbances, 31 abandoned vehicle reports, 3 cases for drug arrests, 1 robbery with firearm, 12 DUI arrests, 83 traffic stops.

Susan Smith asked about the steady increase in crime. Officer replied, yes, but media only reports certain things, not everything. There is more drug crime. But violent crime isn't as prevalent. Dick Clark asked what the resource officers from schools are doing. They are back on the streets patrolling until the beginning of August when they have training before going back to schools. Member asked about transient people. The police force still keeps an eye on transient population, nothing has changed with regards to that. Billings is able to provide many services for mental health. Connie Wardell asked about crimes around 15th St. W. Bones Brewery has issues that create a significant number of calls to the police. New management seems to be doing a better job. Officer Sheldon said yes there is a drug problem because we are the biggest city and intersection in many miles.

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20 min | Agenda topic: *Zoning Application Info* | Presenter *Bob Deines*

There are 11 items used to determine zoning approval (placed at the end of the minutes). They are available on the city zoning commission website. Major topic is 50th and Grand. The developers want to put in twin units and commercial development. Several items that they are proposing don't fit into the West End Development Plan. Front 6 acres commercial, rest of 11 acres behind residential. Connie Wardell mentioned speaking directly with Dan Wells. Leonard mentioned that there is more power if people show up. Shirley McDermmot asked what is the zoning to keep it neighborhood professional? That category is very restrictive. Traffic on Grand is problem. The proposal will present it to planning division on July 2nd, then county zoning commission will see it Aug 13th, then county commissioners on Aug 28th. Discussion around where access points are for the commercial businesses. Ideas are to use the criteria points of West End Growth Plan to argue the points to NOT have commercial. Brainstorming of things we would like to see with

regards to entrances and the way buildings face and what type of homes, no rentals. More discussion about what city vs county can and cannot do regarding zoning. Things to bring up to the developer:

The West End Task Force would like priority given first to only R-9600 zoning, second to only R-7000 zoning, and thirdly to the uses outlined in the developer's application. All of the aforementioned zone options should have architectural signage, solid quality fencing on Grand, sidewalk on Grand/bike path, turning lanes, double access on 48th, water management from storm water, and compatibility to West End Development Plan. If professional business along Grand is the only option that the developer can financially accomplish, as a task force we ask for parking to be placed behind (south) of business, that the Neighborhood Commercial be changed to Residential Professional, which would include the exclusion of food-related businesses, casinos, gas stations, bars, and strip malls. Roger Aldinger made a motion to make these the West End Task Force suggestions of what we want. Rex Dietz seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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5 min | Agenda topic: Meetings Attended | Tiffany Wardell

Town Pump Casino was approved and will go to final approval at the City Council meeting on Monday, June 25th. There is phrasing in the West End Development Plan that says "it must be needed". The city can change ordinances on more restrictive language to where they can be put. It can be brought up at the city council meeting. All members are encouraged to attend the City Council Meeting on the 25th of June.

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15 min | Agenda topic: New Business | Tiffany Wardell

End Exploitation Montana Resolution Jan Stearns motioned to table till July. Barbara Mulvaney seconded. Vote unanimous.. Website: [endexploitationmontana.org](http://endexploitationmontana.org)

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10 min / Agenda topic: Old Business / Discussion from committees

Zoning Committee - Project Re:Code Survey

Code Enforcement - no updates

Traffic/Roads - no updates

Crime prevention - no updates

Community - Poly Vista Park update

Meeting adjourned

## Next meeting July 17th, 7pm Faith E

# Proposed Zoning Commission Determinations

The Yellowstone County Zoning Commission, prior to any recommendations, shall consider the following:

1. Is the new zoning designed in accordance with the Yellowstone County 2008 Growth Policy?
2. Is the new zoning designed to secure from fire and other danger?
3. Will the new zoning facilitate the provision of transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks and other public requirements?
4. Will the new zoning promote health and general welfare?
5. Will the new zoning provide adequate light and air?
6. Will the new zoning effect motorized and non-motorized transportation?
7. Will the new zoning be compatible with urban growth in the vicinity?
8. Does the new zoning consider the character of the district and the suitability of the property for particular uses?
9. Will the new zoning conserve the value of buildings?
10. Will the new zoning encourage the most appropriate use of land in Yellowstone County?
11. Will the new zoning be as compatible as possible with adjacent zoning in the City of Billings?