

# West End Task Force Minutes

Date | time 7/17/2018 7:00 PM | Location Faith E Church 3145 Sweet Water Dr.

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## Agenda Items

Topic	Presenter	Time allotted
Minutes approved from June		
<input type="checkbox"/> Police Report - Sgt. Shane Sheldon		5 min
June 900 calls for service. 141 suspicious activity, 87 disturbances, 44 welfare checks, 39 traffic comp 52 accidents, 10 hit and run, 32 w/property damage, 10 injury. Series of residential burglaries and window removal. Close your garage doors and lock your car doors.		
<input type="checkbox"/> New Business - Tim Erickson/Becky Bey		20 min
Zimmerman Trail info Hwy 3 Roundabout projects		
Do not get on Zimmerman. Construction will be starting and heavy machinery will be coming. Round-about going in at the top.		
Construction till mid-November. During roundabout construction Hwy 3 will remain open. Sign up for weekly text messages by texting "hwy3zimmerman" to 555888 or e-mail by emailing to hwy3zimmerman@kljeng.com. There will NOT be a bike pedestrian trail going up/down Zimmerman road. The shoulders will be bigger but not a bike/pedestrian path. There is a plan with Trail Net to build a bike path along Hwy 3. Slope failure is 1/3 of the way up. Crack caused mainly by drainage issues from the heavy rain this spring. All existing road material will be removed and an entire new roadway will be created. Drainage will be improved. Roundabout will be specially structured to adjust for semi/farm implement traffic and larger vehicles. Safety is a major concern. 2016 showed 12 accidents at the intersection. Roundabout be a single lane.		
15 min		
New Business - Cary Smith		
City Ordinance Draft Regarding Gaming and Liquor in Billings - Mayor Cole's Request for Input		

Members of the zoning commission didn't know what to say about how to stop or control all of the influx of casinos. Looking at current law is that local control prevails. The state has given control to regulate alcohol casinos to the cities. Sept 17th the city council will look at the local ordinance to restrict them. City attorney is contacting other major cities to see how restrictive they have become. Will find out more info on the process of how to change the ordinance. Zoning will be an issue. Project re-code is ongoing set to be completed by 2020. By moving now to change the ordinance, we will have something in place faster.

Motion was made to create a sub-committee to address this issue and bring it to the August meeting. Show of hands on who wants to be on the committee. Cary Smith will head it up and Tina Volek will assist.

- Old business - Dan Wells/Scott Aspenleider 20 min  
Update on Kramer land development/Wells Built Homes  
Proposal will be primarily duplex/twin home construction with commercial on the Grand side. Concerns such as access and traffic will all be addressed at a later date. Zoning is first. R7000 is now proposed. Frontage on Grand would be neighborhood commercial. Entrance right in the center of the property. Dentist is currently asking for an acre lot on one side of entrance. 6 fourplexes would be near the entrance. Around 30 twin homes would be the first area. Discussion is happening with Kramer to think about another access point. Pricing would be \$235-\$275K  
Time for questions to follow meeting.

#### Avenue B proposal- Velcamp

Zoned community commercial will have tap brews and 20 video poker machines and have Topz sandwiches. Serving only beer and wine. Will be called West Palm Casino. Asking for a waiver of the distance of 600 feet from a church. The casino is only 500 feet. Hours for tap room 9am-2am. Topz 11am-8pm with a drive thru. Hours may vary.  
Giving west end people access. No patio.

- Committee updates 15 min  
Short Discussion from committees
  - \*Zoning
  - \*Traffic
  - \*Crime Prevention
  - \*Code Enforcement
  - \*Community and Parks
  
- Next Meeting Time/Place  
Tuesday, August 21, 2018 7pm

