

West End Task Force | Minutes

November 18th , 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: Detective Shane Sheldon
Todd Morgan

AGENDA TOPICS

15 min | Agenda topic: Police Report | Presenter Detective Shane Sheldon

Comparisons of Nov statistics: 913 calls just in West End, 6070 calls in entire city. 1014 arrested charges on 457 people arrested city wide, 56 on West End. Traffic citations 696 city wide, 714 warnings city wide, 70 warnings and 88 citations in West End. Calls for service slightly up in Nov. For Nov, 74 theft reports, 33 shoplifting, 7 domestic violence, 3 sex crimes, 6 dui, 5 assaults, 3 burglaries, 4 drug cases.

Crime mapping is available to the public. www.Crimemapping.com

Citizens can also sign up for Twitter to get up to date information. Follow them for details.

5 min / Presenter: Todd Morgan - Snow Buddies

He works with code enforcement for West End residential. Snow Buddies program is for those unable to clean off their sidewalks only, to prevent them from getting a fine. Reach them at code enforcement on the website or phone. 406 237-6146. For help having snow removed please call or if you can help please call. It's a free service. Reach out to your neighbors to offer help to each other. Sidewalks need to be shoveled within 24 hours of the end of the snow event. You cannot push snow out into the street. Plows tend to do arterial streets and rotate to different districts, entrances to the hospital are priority. School district does their own. City contractors do residential.

20 min | Agenda topic: Project Recode | Survey

Input on the surveys consisted of:

What is your favorite place around Billings? Riverfront Park, Rims, Shops, Montana Ave, Rocky village, Historical places

What other places have you visited that you like? Bozeman, museums, Denver 16th St mall, Salt Lake Canyon Creek mall, Cody, Parker CO. Indoor rec center

What do you think are the biggest barriers to development projects? Drugs, casinos, transportation roads and airline, multi-issue tax projects, crime, zoning

What do you hear about development good/bad? Casinos, roads and transportation, Mixed development.

Homeless population downtown, Colson Park is improving

Do you have comments about development approval process? Process is one sided, no notifications, planning dept are not advocates for the people, just developers. information too hard to find. why isn't traffic a higher priority over developments,

Do you know of cities or counties that attract high quality projects? Green space, uniform look, signage, nice interstates and entryways, local restaurants, Bozeman, OKC, Parker CO, Overland Park KS, Anchorage AK, Bismark ND,

New zoning code musts? Public input, more notifications, no special reviews or exceptions, neighborhood control about what goes in next to them

What does a successful zoning code update look like? Regulate casinos, notices for input, open process (transparency)

notices about the process, more cooperation between county and city. knowing the cost of annexation, define where adult entertainments can be located.

Motion made to approve all of the survey input listed, to send to the city officials for review.

City of Billings is actually 33 licenses over the state limit of what was supposed to actually be. There will be no more liquor licenses issued anytime in the near future.

10 min / Agenda topic: Committees Reports or Meetings Attended

Zoning Committee - Tina reporting, liquor licenses over, gaming revenue \$83 billion, state receives \$265,000 a yr from gaming, discussion about signage for casinos which could improve appearances and effect impact of casinos, getting owners involved in the discussion, suggested getting AA and other addiction organizations involved as well. Where do casinos fit in developments discussed.

The brewery next to the Den was approved last night, right next to the backyard of the neighborhood. The only way we can change it is if we **show up** to the meetings and voice our opinions.

Code Enforcement - County meeting issues is Thursday Miller Bldg 3:30-5pm, proposing agricultural/residential for the county. City and County aren't working on how to work together.

Traffic/Roads - no reporting

Crime prevention - no reporting

Community - no reporting

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting January 15th, 2019 7pm