

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
THE SOUTH SIDE NEIGHBORHOOD TASK FORCE (SSNTF)  
Northern Plains Resource Council, 220 South 27th Street, Billings, Montana  
January 16, 2020**

Present: Catherine Card, Genna Carlisle, Paula Schilke, Mary Westwood, Officer Nathan Schara, Craig Barthel, Shelley Carpenter, Max Hoffman, Marguerite Jodry, Lori Cardwell, Jan Begger, Jace Dyckmat, Jess Sheldahl, Hannah Groves, Teresa Larsen, Joe Stockburger, Lynnadele Nielsen, Daniel Morgan.

President Catherine Card called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Card introduced the newly elected and appointed Executive Team – Max Hoffman, Marguerite Jodry and Genna Carlisle. Card thanked Paula Schilke and Mary Westwood for their leadership. All attendees introduced themselves and all were welcomed. Card reported that Jim Ronquillo requested prayer for himself for an upcoming surgery and also for his grandson in Denver who is battling leukemia. Card prayed for healing for Jim's family. In addition, a card was passed around for neighbors to give their well wishes.

Card reported that City Council representatives Mike Yakawich and Kendra Shaw had a conflict to attend due to safety mill levy presentation at the library. She read correspondence which Yakawich submitted. Report is available upon request.

Officer Nathan Schara of the Billings Police presented a comprehensive police report. In the month of December, the Billings Police received 7,263 calls and 510 of those calls were from the South Side. Report is attached.

Card presented November minutes for member approval. Mary Westwood moved to accept November minutes as amended and Jodry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paula Schilke presented the November and December Treasurer's Report. Westwood moved to accept November and December Treasurer's report as amended and Hoffman seconded the motion. Officers will reimburse Marguerite for corporate expense accordingly. Motion carried.

Westwood presented a report regarding CAC. An interim refinery manager is in place with a permanent one being sought. One of the areas the Task Force representative would like to pursue with P66 is sustainable energy.

**Neighborhood Concerns:**

Schilke reported that the owner left the property at 114 S. 29th Street which is the property that Code Enforcement has been trying to remediate but that the place was occupied by unknown people. Schilke sent an email to Craig Salzman to report this as well as inquire about the current status of the property.

Joe Stockburger requested to be allowed to voice tape our meeting next month to be used for the South Side walking tour project. This was discussed and no objection from members.

**Updates from Neighborhood Agencies:**

Lynnadele Nielsen reported about JustServe.org. An event is upcoming on April 25th. She invited all to contact her for volunteers. Brochure upon request.

Hannah Groves of Healthy By Design presented a South Side walking tour map. Map is attached. She reported that the project will engage youth with stamping poetry on the sidewalk. She has Bright Side of the Tracks T-shirts for anyone who would like one.

Max Hoffman reported that Koinonia Laundry is celebrating 77 years!

Craig Barthels with St. Vincent DePaul reported that they are now hosting Saturday brunch which is volunteer led and that they will most likely add Sunday brunch as the number of participants increases.

**Old Business:**

Card presented a Super Fund Site Update. She stated letters were written to Bullock. Update is attached. Card reported on a recent trip to Seattle and how Seattle is working to deal with the large number of homeless people there, including establishing several tiny house villages for the homeless throughout Seattle neighborhoods.

Card reviewed South Side Task Force information including new leadership, brochures, goals, etc. She referred the group to check out the poster boards displayed at the back of the room to show what we do and what programs/issues we are involved in. Hoffman and Carlisle are in the process of updating the South Side Neighborhood Task Force brochures which will be used for promotion and marketing. They will be dispersed at businesses, churches, resources, etc. throughout the community. Draft brochure is attached.

**New Business:**

Hoffman and Carlisle have created a Facebook page for the SSNTF. They will post upcoming events, pertinent issues, etc. to provide information for South Side neighbors. At the meeting next month, Hoffman would like to video task members to post on Facebook for engagement purposes and to increase membership. This is a work in progress. Card reported on the Battleship Apartment Complex that recently burned and how Facebook might be a great tool for the SSNTF to use to communicate about such events and opportunities to help.

Card led a neighborhood action planning exercise. Participants were asked to provide thoughts and ideas regarding this year's Task Force Goals. Outcome will be available at the February meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20th, 220 South 27th (Northern Plains Resource Council).

Respectfully Submitted,  
Genna Carlisle