

HELENA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 23, 2005

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. A quorum was present.

Members absent Keith Jones, Jan Lombardi, Robert Clarkson, Joe Ruby, Jerry Hutch, Bob Habeck.

Members present George Hoff, Jerry McGee, Thomas Warsinski, Allen Tompkins, Justin Trafton, Wayne Lewis, Teresa Klotz, Bill Roberts, Delma Sommers, Jim Christnacht, Laura Erikson.

Visitors Present None

Police Report Bill Tompkins gave the police report: the force is currently short 1 officer, 3 officers are in Iraq and 2/3rds of officers are now trained on tazers.

Old Business

1. Westside update: notice was sent to residents for a neighborhood meeting, which is set for March 3. Teresa Klotz and Al Tompkins will attend. They will report back to the HCC with meeting results.
2. City ordinance for visual obstruction-Laura will bring a copy of this ordinance to the next HCC meeting.

Recommendations none

New Business

1. Subdivisions-many new subdivisions have been approved and more are in the works.
2. Peccia will begin construction of the new interchange as soon as the frost is out of the ground.
3. The Cooney cemetery property will be surveyed by the owner. He would like to leave the cemetery intact and develop the surrounding land.
4. Justin asked the members if we should review the HCC charter. He feels that he is not sure of the HCC's purpose and wants to evaluate our function and goals. Wayne said that previously the district representatives spent more time having district meetings. Having HCC's monthly meetings in individual neighborhoods was discussed. The consensus was to make a greater effort to hold neighborhood meetings by district representatives.

District reports

District 1 –none

District 2 - none

District 3 – none

District 4 – none

District 5 – The citizens of District 5 are concerned about recent vandalism. They are considering forming a “Neighborhood Watch”.

District 6 – Railroad area is now all on the National Historic Register. Justin attended an admin. meeting and was told by Mayor Jim Smith and the city commission that they would like to have closer communication with the HCC. There is a Transit Depot Study in the works that is looking at establishing bus service. The city is receiving bids to build a bus depot serving 10 buses.

District 7 – none

Meeting Schedule

Administrative meetings –

4/6

4/20

Commission Meeting -

3/28

4/11

4/25

Justin Trafton

Tim Burton's staff meeting -

(call his office for location)

City Zoning Commission

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Erikson

Secretary