

HELENA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

January 26, 2005

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

Members absent Keith Jones, Randy Kaiser, Jan Lombardi, Robert Clarkson, Joe Ruby, Jerry Hutch, Bob Habeck, Teresa Klotz, Jim Christnacht,

Visitors Present Debbie La Fontaine from the City Planning office joined us to talk about the efforts taking place on the west side and to give some advice regarding future meetings. She was concerned about the wording of the flyer announcing the meeting since it suggested that it was being sponsored by city staff. She suggested that it be re-written to reflect that it is really a neighborhood meeting. Allen Tompkins agreed to rewrite the flyer before it is mailed.

She also suggested that maybe the first neighborhood meeting should be held without any participation by city staff and use this first meeting to gain concurrence for city involvement in the second meeting.

A list of potential questions has been worked up by the people involved planning the meetings. Debbie and the city staff are working on providing answers but she feels that not all of the questions can be answered explicitly.

Laura brought up the idea of a development agreement to cover the SID improvements without annexation. This has been done in other areas.

Another meeting is planned between Allen and the committee to work on the flyer.

Police Report The police report was given by Jerry McGee.

The Law Enforcement Memorial Day celebration will be held in Helena on Sunday, May 15 th and they are hoping for a large turnout from the community.

Old Business The election of officers was held and the results were as follows:

Chair - George Hoff

Vice chair- Jan Lombardi

Treasurer- Jim Christnacht

Secretary- Laura Erikson

Recommendations none

New Business The budget was established for the 2005 HCC budget year and a copy was given to the City Clerk. The only change was to add \$150 to the postage account and reduce the contracted services account by the same amount.

District reports

District 1 – Laura has been receiving complaints from people in her district about the lack of visibility caused by obstructions at some of the intersections.

District 2 - none

District 3 – none

District 4 – none

District 5 – none

District 6 – none

District 7 – Justin has a meeting scheduled with City Planning and a group of business owners to discuss mid-town revitalization projects.

Meeting Schedule

Administrative meetings –

2/23

Laura Erikson

George Hoff

Commission Meeting -

2/14

2/28

Justin Trafton

Al Tompkins

Tim Burton's staff meeting -

2/8

George Hoff

(call his office for location)

City Zoning Commission

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Roberts, Secretary