

## HELENA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

### REGULAR MEETING

June 22, 2005

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

Members absent: Keith Jones, Robert Clarkson, Bob Habeck.

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

Visitors present: Tal & Cindy Redpath, Barb & Dan Schuler, Robert Bean, Jerry Skillman, John Fosket and D.M. Goosey.

Minutes of last meeting were approved.

Police report: The two police officers present (Fosket and Goosey) are doing the downtown night patrol on bicycles. They work Tuesday through Saturday nights and cover from Cruise Ave. to Memorial Park. They asked the HCC is there were any concerns. The problem with junk vehicles was brought up and they said there is a new agreement between the city and county that should help speed up removal of junk vehicles. They encourage citizens to call if they think there is something 'fishy' going on in their neighborhoods. They should call 442-3333 if it is a non-emergency.

#### Old Business

1. HCTV – Justin and Bill will be attending the HCTV class. The committee will meet after that to figure out the logistics of taping the HCC meetings.
2. Budget – Jim said the fiscal year ends the end of June and he wondered if there were any purchases that should be done before then. It was suggested that we purchase tapes for the filming of the meetings.
3. Cedar Street – George was disappointed with the outcome of the proposed name change. The majority of the business owners along Cedar voted against changing the road name. George is going to talk with the manager of the Wingate Inn who was vocally for the name change to see if she would be interested in continuing with the effort to have Cedar Street changed to Last Chance Gulch.

#### New Business

1. Boulevard maintenance – Robert Bean spoke about the city's current emphasis on enforcing the boulevard ordinance. He has received two violation notices. He is frustrated with the city's lack of consistency in enforcement. Tal Redpath also spoke about his boulevard, which is all landscape rock and in violation of the ordinance. He and the other citizen's believe that the ordinance is outdated and that watering the boulevards does not make sense considering our desert-like climate. They are very frustrated with the way the violation notices have been issued, which appears to be in a very random fashion. The HCC agreed with the visitors and made the recommendation below.

Recommendations: The HCC recommends that the City Commission issue a moratorium on enforcement of current 'boulevard' violations (violations of the Helena City Code 7-4-2, Section F) and, further, that the City Commission review 7-4-2, Section F of the Helena City Code, with citizen involvement and input, for possible revision.

District reports

No time remained for district reports

Meeting Schedule

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Erikson  
Secretary