

**Helena Citizens Council Regular Meeting  
December 9, 2009 - 6:00 P.M.  
Chamber of Commerce Conference Room**

**Members present:** Dan Bernhardt, Janet Hess-Herbert, Marshall Gingery, Jim Penner, Harlan Rudolf, Kent Schlosser, Eric Woodland, Randy Phillips, Mike McGuire, Dave Scrimm, Winston Greely and M.C. Beeby.

**Members absent:** Adam Bell, Ellen Bell, Larry Mitchell, Dave Fish, Matthew Cohn, Dave Dalthorp, Rebecca Ridenour, Carolyn Wolf, Brian Olsen, Bob Habeck and Lynne Boone.

**Visitors:** Mayor Jim Smith, VISTA HCC Coordinator Bonnie O'Neill, Lorabelle Behlmer, Bobbette Madonna, Bob Clarkson, Jim McCormick, Kris Goss, Liz Harter, Roy Henry, Albert Clark, Eric Ball, Carrie Severson, Olivia Tooley and John & Cyndi Forbes.

Chair Dan Bernhardt called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM.

Chair Bernhardt introduced Mayor Jim Smith. Mayor Smith thanked members for their willingness to serve their city as a Helena Citizens Council member. Each member introduced themselves and shared what they hope to gain from being an HCC member.

Chair Bernhardt, assisted by David Scrimm, reviewed the HCC Guiding Principles. He also spoke on the importance of meeting attendance, encouraged members to sign up to represent the HCC on a city board and/or committee, and gave an overview of the January 2010 election of HCC officers that make up the Executive Committee. The meeting was opened up to questions from the members. Several questions were posed, including how district representative vacancies are filled and how to expand communication with district neighbors.

Chair Bernhardt announced HCC members would be given the Oath of Office at the City Commission Meeting on January 11, 2010 at 6:00p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the City/County Building and encouraged members to bring their family.

HCC Coordinator Bonnie O'Neill reported she would be on vacation December 19<sup>th</sup> through December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The next regular monthly HCC meeting is January 27, 2010 in City/County Building-Room 326.

**Public Comment**

No public comments were given.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

City Commission Meetings

January 11, 2010 - Randy Phillips

**Adjournment** - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.