

Helena Citizens Council Regular Meeting
June 24, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.
City/County Building - Room 326

Members present: Matt Cohn, Dave Dalthorp, David Scrimm, Mike McGuire, Ellen Bell, Dan Bernhardt, Marshall Gingery, Maleen Olson, Harlan Rudolf, M.C. Beeby, Carolyn Wolf, Bob Habeck and Janet Hess-Herbert. Also present: Deputy City Clerk Robyn Brown.

Members absent: Kent Schlosser, Winston Greely, Lynne Boone, Rebecca Ridenour, Larry Mitchell, George Hoff, Dave Fish, Remi Lancette, Adam Bell, Jim Penner and Brian Olsen.

Visitors: HPD Lieutenant Steve Hagen, Eric Grove, Roy Henry and Eric Woodland.

Chair Dan Bernhardt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

HCC Meeting minutes - May 27, 2009 & Finance Report

The minutes and finance report were approved as submitted.

Helena Police Department (HPD) Report

HPD Lieutenant Steve Hagen cautioned HCC members about increased traffic in the area of the airport due to the air show on June 27-28, 2009; he also listed other events going on in Helena over the weekend. He reported it has been a busy month for the HPD because of a recent homicide, armed robbery at the Longhorn Saloon, and peeping tom.

Youth Connections Presentation

Youth Connections Executive Director Drenda Carlson gave an overview of the Youth Connections program, spoke about youth violence in Helena and Youth Connection's violence prevention efforts and strategies. Ms. Carlson asked HCC members to encourage their neighborhoods to get involved in the campaign against youth violence.

Discussion was held on how to involve the campaign in the next Neighborhood Fair and how to recommend policy changes from Youth Connections to the City Commission. It was suggested that youth violence could be discussed at the district/neighborhood level during the "break-out session" portion of the meeting. There was council consensus for the marketing committee to keep Youth Connection's campaign against youth violence on the "agenda" for the next Neighborhood Fair.

Committee/Board Updates

Non-motorized Transportation Committee - Dave Dalthorp and Matt Cohn reported the committee is currently drafting a "complete streets" ordinance and will be requesting the HCC's official support of the document in the near future. Once the wording is final the committee will request community input.

Eric Grove, Great Divide Cyclery, gave an overview of "complete streets"; the goal of the ordinance would be to make roads accessible for all users. Marshall Gingery suggested the "complete streets" proposal be included in the city's Growth Policy. There was council consensus to review the draft ordinance and make a recommendation.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Harlan Rudolf presented the Finance Report and noted the figures do not include advertising placed in June.

VISTA/HCC Coordinator's Report

No report was given.

District Reports

District 1 - none given.

District 2 - none given.

District 3 - none given.

District 4 - none given.

District 5 - none given.

District 6 - none given.

District 7 - none given.

Unfinished Business

Executive Board Report - Chair Bernhardt announced the Executive Board is recommending the cancellation of the July HCC Meeting. He asked that each District Chair meet with HCC VISTA Bonnie O'Neill prior to the August meeting.

Motion: Marshall Gingery moved to cancel the July HCC Meeting. Mike McGuire seconded the motion. All voted; motion passed with one member voting no.

Discussion was held on how to file for election to the HCC and the Neighborhood Parks Project.

New Business

David Scrimm requested 20 minutes of time on the August agenda; this request was approved.

Discussion was held on the HCC-sponsored "Meet the City Manager Applicants" reception; it is tentatively scheduled for the week of September 14, 2009.

Upcoming Meetings:

- HCC Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, August 26, 2009 @ 7:00p.m. - City/County Bldg, Room 326
- City Commission Meetings:
 - July 20, 2009 - Dan Bernhardt

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.