

Helena Citizens' Council Regular Meeting
October 27, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
City/County Building – Room 326

Members Present: Dan Bernhardt, Randy Phillips, Sande Wilson, Ellen Bell, Lorabelle Behlmer, Bob Clarkson, Eric Woodland, Bobbette Madonna, Roy Hemry, Carrie Severson, James Penner, Janet Hess-Herbert, and Kris Goss.

Members Absent: David Scrimm, Jim McCormick, Olivia Tooley, Albert Clark, M.C. Beeby, John Forbes, Bob Habeck, Winston Greely, Stanly Johnson, Mark Seitz, Collin Watters, and Frank Rives.

Visitors: Dennis Loveless, Anne O'Leary, and Susan Capdeville.

HCC Chair Dan Bernhardt called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of HCC Meeting minutes from September 22, 2010:

James Penner moved to approve the minutes. Randy Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Helena Police Department Report:

There was no report given.

District Reports:

District 1: No Report

District 2: No Report

District 3: No Report

District 4: No Report

District 5: No Report

District 6: No Report

District 7: Janet Hess-Herbert spoke to the Council about a letter she received from Susan Capdeville regarding a zoning issue in District 7. Chair Bernhardt requested the District 7 representatives stay informed on the issue and report to the full Council if/when appropriate.

Committee/Board Updates:

Finance Report – With no Finance Committee members present, Chair Bernhardt informed the Council that James McCormick will be reporting out to the full Council at the November meeting regarding the budget process and the Council's involvement.

Marketing Committee – Janet Hess-Herbert reported for the Marketing Committee. The Committee is ready to book the Civic Center as the location for the 2011 Neighborhood Fair.

After general discussion, Carrie Severson moved to select February 8, 2011 as the next Neighborhood Fair date. Lorabelle Behlmer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Urban Wildlife Advisory Committee – Randy Phillips reported the Committee will be meeting on October 28, 2010 to review data that has been gathered regarding urban deer. The Council requested that Randy send out an e-mail recapping the results of the meeting.

Lewis and Clark Library Board – Sande Wilson reported the Board has been very busy expanding the Lincoln Library facility in East Helena. They also just finished their budget and are in the middle of the Big Read event.

Community Gardens – Janet Hess-Herbert informed the Council there is a Janet Street meeting on November 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

Purchase of a Recorder – Chair Bernhardt reminded the Council that David Scrimm recommended at the September meeting that the Council purchase a digital recorder to assist with the minutes.

Motion: made by Ellen Bell, seconded by Randy Phillips to request approval to purchase a recorder for HCC use. The motion carried.

Motion: made by Lorabelle Behlmer, seconded by Bobette Madonna to limit the price of the recorder to no more than \$125.

New Business:

Bobette Madonna expressed surprise that the Council had given support and recommendation to authorize the use of skateboards and bicycles on the Walking Mall. Chair Bernhardt informed the Council that the Council did not make any recommendations to the City Commission regarding the Walking Mall, only heard comments regarding the pros and cons at an earlier meeting, and that the current law is in place. Chair Bernhardt requested the Non-Motorized Transportation Advisory Committee report to the Council if there have been any updates or recommendations regarding the Walking Mall.

Carrie Severson reported that she attended a City Administration meeting and the topic of discussion was a city permit to get renters into the transfer station allowing them to recycle. Chair Bernhardt requested that Council members attending the Admin and Commission meetings inform the Council of the plan when necessary.

Announcements:

Upcoming Meetings – Chair Bernhardt informed the Council that the November and December Council meetings are currently scheduled during holiday weeks. Dan informed the Council that in the past, the monthly meetings were rescheduled to occur a week earlier to avoid the holidays.

Motion: made by James Penner, seconded by Lorabelle Behlmer to reschedule the November meeting to November 17, 2010 and the December meeting to December 15, 2010. The motion carried.

Public Comment

Bobette Madonna raised concern that the City of Helena has joined the United Nations World Plan and is planning on putting on classes regarding the issues with Helena being a part of this plan. She can be contacted regarding the dates and times of her class, and additional information, for anyone interested. It will also be posted on her website, www.montanaviewpoint.com.

Bob Clarkson raised concern about the continued speeding issue on 6th Avenue. He also raised concern regarding the city travel budget and the possibility of a double tax. Chair Bernhardt recommended the Finance Committee look the information Bob has received.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.