

Helena Citizens Council Regular Meeting
February 24, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.
City/County Building - Room 326

Members present: Winston Greely, David Scrimm, Bob Clarkson, Jim McCormick, Olivia Tooley, Kent Schlosser, Dan Bernhardt, Ellen Bell, Roy Hemry, Albert Clark, Eric Ball, Jim Penner, M.C. Beeby, Carrie Severson, Frank Rives, Bob Habeck, John Forbes, Sande Wilson and HCC Coordinator Bonnie O'Neill.

Members absent: Lorabelle Behlmer, Bobette Madonna, Stanley Johnson, Eric Woodland, Mark Seitz, Collin Watters, Randy Phillips and Janet Hess-Herbert.

Visitors: Fire Chief Steve Larson, HPD Lieutenant Steve Hagen and AERO Vista Kelsey Bauer.

HCC Chair Dan Bernhardt called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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The minutes were approved as submitted.

Finance Report

Treasurer Jim McCormick reported on the HCC budget and spending.

Presentation - Fire Chief Steve Larson

Fire Chief Steve Larson announced the City of Helena has applied for a grant to assist homeowners with clearing fire hazards from their property. He asked for the HCC's help in notifying residents of Districts 1, 2, 3 and 7 about the program and stated he would be available to attend any neighborhood meetings on the subject.

Helena Police Department (HPD) Report

Lt. Steve Hagen reported the HPD continues to work on snow shoveling enforcement and city sidewalks are getting better. If anyone is interested in participating in a ride-a-long please contact Lt. Hagen.

VISTA/HCC Coordinator's Report

HCC Coordinator Bonnie O'Neill discussed the following: the Neighborhood Fair, HCTV show ideas and the process for requesting a speaker at HCC meetings.

District Reports

District 1 - Chair is Lorabelle Behlmer.

District 2 - Chair is David Scrimm.

District 3 - Chair is Kent Schlosser. "Map Your Neighborhood" Training will be conducted in the future.

District 4 - Chair is Ellen Bell.

District 5 - Chair is Randy Phillips.

District 6 - Chair is Jim Penner.

District 7 - Chair is Bob Habeck.

Committee/Board Updates

Marketing Committee - The Marketing Committee continues to work on the Neighborhood Fair. Discussion was held on the use of social media to publicize the HCC. A Survey Monkey survey will be used to determine what kinds of social media HCC members use.

Motion: made by Bob Habeck to discuss and vote on moving forward with social media pages. Motion died.

Further discussion was held during the Unfinished Business portion of the meeting.

Albert Clark reported he attended the February 3, 2010 Administrative Meeting and spoke about medical marijuana shops.

Unfinished Business

Executive Board Report -

Neighborhood Fair - March 24, 2010 from 6:30 - 8:30 at the Civic Center. Stan Bradshaw of the city's Global Climate Change Task Force will be the featured speaker.

Social Media - Discussion continued on whether or not the HCC should utilize social media as an avenue for public awareness.

Motion: made by Winston Greely and seconded by Ellen Bell to approve a 1 ½ month trial period for the use of social media by the HCC. Motion carried with two members voting no.

Council Member Bell volunteered to send an evaluation report following the trial period.

VISTA/HCC Coordinator position - The Executive Board will carry the responsibilities.

Upcoming Meetings:

- HCC Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, April 28, 2010 @ 7:00p.m. - City/County Bldg, Room 326
- City Administrative Meetings:
 - March 3, 2010 - Jim Penner
 - March 17, 2010 -
- City Commission Meetings:
 - March 8, 2010 - Winston Greely
 - March 22, 2010 - David Scrimm

Please pick up informational packets on the Administrative and City Commission Meetings in the City Clerk's Office.

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