

**Helena Citizens Council
Regular Meeting
September 22, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
City/County Building – Room 326**

Members Present: Winston Greely, David Scrimm, Bobbette Madonna, Jim McCormick, Olivia Tooley, Eric Woodland, Dan Bernhardt, Ellen Bell, Roy Henry, Albert Clark, James Penner, Carrie Severson, Janet Hess-Herbert, John Forbes, Bob Habeck, Sande Wilson, and Kris Goss.

Members Absent: Lorabelle Behlmer, Stanley Johnson, Bob Clarkson, Collin Watters, Randy Phillips, Eric Ball, M.C. Beeby, and Frank Rives.

Visitors: Helena Police Department (HPD) Lieutenant Steve Hagen, Non-Motorized Transportation Advisory Council Member Bruce Newell, Non-Motorized Transportation Coordinator Allen Cormany and Lewis & Clark County Health Department Representative Gail Beckner.

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

HCC Meeting minutes – June 23 & August 25, 2010

The minutes were approved with corrections.

Helena Police Department Report:

HPD Lt. Hagen updated the council on abandoned vehicles and the Urban Wildlife Management Program and corresponding deer count taking place in October.

Guest Speaker: Complete Streets Ordinance - Mr. Bruce Newell

Mr. Newell introduced Gail Beckner, representing the Board of Health, which has written an endorsement for the ordinance.

Mr. Newell gave a presentation on the Complete Streets Program and draft ordinance and requested the HCC endorse the ordinance and provide awareness and education on it to constituents. He noted the proposal has been forwarded to City Manager Ron Alles who is distributing it to appropriate city staff for review before presenting it to the City Commission.

Motion: Janet Hess-Herbert moved the HCC support and endorse the Complete Streets Ordinance and submit it to the City Commission as written. Olivia Tooley seconded the motion. All voted; motion carried with 12 members voting yes and 4 voting no.

Discussion was held on funding for the program.

District Reports

- District 1:** No report given.
- District 2:** No report given.
- District 3:** Olivia Tooley has been chosen as the new district chair.
- District 4:** No report given.
- District 5:** No report given.

District 6: No report given.

District 7: No report given.

Committee and Board Reports

Finance Committee: Discussion was held with City Manager Alles regarding the proposal to use existing VISTA funds to hire a temporary employee. Treasurer McCormick indicated Manager Alles had expressed concern for the proposal given the short timeframe to train the temp before the anticipated arrival of the VISTA in January.

Discussion was held on administrative tasks. It was noted all requests of Robyn's time shall go through the HCC Chair and City Clerk Debbie Havens.

Thorough discussion was held on the Commission Budget Resolution of Intent. Treasurer McCormick asked all council members to read the resolution and become familiar with it. He noted it is available on the city's website under the Finance Department.

Marketing Committee: The Neighborhood Fair is scheduled for February 24, 2011.

Committee/Board Updates

Intergovernmental Transit Committee - Kris Goss has filled the vacant HCC seat on the committee.

Discussion was held on the Carroll College Interfaith Dialogue event.

Member Hess-Herbert reported the city has made great progress installing the community garden meters; the meters did not cost the estimated \$9,000.

Old Business:

Jim Penner submitted the VISTA application ahead of the deadline. It was recommended a hiring committee be formed to choose the next VISTA, if approved.

New Business:

In lieu of the monthly HCC meeting with City Manager Alles, he will now be invited to attend the HCC's Finance and Marketing Committee meetings.

It was noted monthly meeting reminders are helpful and should continue.

Project Updates:

The Green Blocks projects are underway.

Public Comment

No public comment was given.

Announcements:

Upcoming Meetings -

Administrative Meetings

September 29, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m. - *Ellen Bell*

October 13, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m. - *Carrie Severson*

City Commission Meetings

September 27, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m. - *David Scrimm*

October 4, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m. - *Winston Greeley*

HCC Monthly Meeting

October 27, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. (*Kris Goss volunteered to take minutes in Secretary Tooley's absence*)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.