

# West End Task Force | MINUTES

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Meeting date | time 3/20/2018 | 7:00 pm | Meeting location Faith E Church 3125 Sweetwater Dr. Room 130-131

Meeting called by CM Dick Clark

Note taker Tiffany Wardell

Mayor Bill Cole

Council Members: Sean Brown, Reg Gibbs, Penny Ronning

City Attorney Brent Brooks

Planning and Community Services: Wyeth Friday, Robbin Bartley

Mayor Bill Cole spoke to the group about the importance of task forces and being involved in the community. He gave thanks to CM Clark and others for reviving the West End Task force with an anticipation for the resulted decisions.

## AGENDA TOPICS

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Time 15 | Agenda topic *Police Report* | Presenter *Sgt. Shane Shelden*

Sgt. Shelden gave numbers for crime in current boundaries of the task force, which includes beats 8 and 9. Calls made to police for our task force for the month of February was above 600. Broken down, this included things such as: 72 traffic stops, 70 suspicious activities, 67 theft, 52 disturbances, 37 crashes, 23 traffic violations, 23 welfare checks, 11 DUI, 10 suicide attempts, 10 911 hang-ups, 9 drug investigations, 6 sex offences, and 1 domestic violence response.

Tina Volek asked about opioid abuse. Sgt. Shelden confirmed it is an issue in West End Billings.

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Time 30 min | Agenda topic *Why Neighborhood Task Forces* | Presenter *Wyeth Friday*

Mr. Friday overviewed Billings task force history. Their purpose has changed over time. Now they are mainly used for community events, a method of providing information, a way to help neighbors, and a way to track and address neighborhood concerns. He explained \$12,000 of city funds are allotted to the 8 neighborhood task forces per year. Due to the distributions of funds, the mailers sent out for this first meeting will not be possible on a monthly basis in the future due to the size of our task force. Most task forces will use email or social media to contact their members.

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Time 15 min | Agenda topic *Extending Current Borders* | Presenter *Bob Deines*

Mr. Deines showed current and proposed boundaries for the West End Task Force. Discussion was made on the inclusion of more county land further south and west of the proposed boundaries. Wyeth Friday mentioned how the proposed boundaries follow proposed areas of annexation and mainly include city land. Though not part of the official boundaries, mention was made of how task force meetings are open to the public and county residents not in the official boundaries may still come to meetings and make comments.

## Action items

## Person responsible

Motion made to extend West End Task Force boundaries in accordance with the map presented at the meeting.

Oscar Heinrich made motion

Karen Freeman seconded motion

Motion accepted by attendees.

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*Time 10 min | Agenda topic Voting on Officers | Presenter Dick Clark*

Due to the reorganization of the task force, many in attendance have not been present to 3 meetings in the past 12 months to constitute a “voting member” as stated in the by-laws. Therefore, voting was made available to all in attendance. Those who wished to contest the voting were advised to do so.

## Action items

## Person responsible

Chair. Motion made for Tiffany Wardell to be appointed.  
None others nominated.

Oscar Heinrich made motion

Karen Freeman seconded motion

Vice-Chair. Motion made for Bob Deines to be appointed.  
None other nominated.

Tiffany Wardell made motion

Karen Freeman seconded motion

Secretary/Treasurer. Motion made for Karen Freeman to be appointed. None others nominated.

Oscar Heinrich made motion

Tiffany Wardell seconded motion

Motion accepted by attendees.

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*Time 20 min | Agenda Topic Future Meeting Topics | Presenter Tiffany Wardell*

Zoning, zone change requests, city planning, annexation, septic tanks and aquifers, project re-code, vacancy on planning board for our area, street size, signage, Cole Ridge (62<sup>nd</sup> west and Rimrock), and needs for paved city roads.

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*Time 2 min | Agenda Topic Next Meeting Time | Presenter Tiffany Wardell*

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 @ 7:00 pm

Faith E Church Room 128

Meeting adjourned