

West End Task Force Minutes

Date | time 10/16/2018 7:00 PM | *Location* Faith E Church 3145 Sweet Water Dr.

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Sgt Shane Shelden:

Stats for Sept 954 calls for service. 1019 in Aug. 36 welfare, 29 suicide attempts 17 harassment calls, 97 reports of disturbance, 108 suspicious activity, 29 abandon cars, 2 animal control, 50 traffic complaints, 62 traffic stops, 49 traffic accidents, 7 w/injury, 4 drug bust, 10 burglaries, 7 DUI, 5 assaults, 2 vehicle thefts. Lock your car doors.

Kristi Drake: TrailNet www.billingstrailnet.org

TrailNet raises money for walking and bike trails. Their vision is to make Billings a premier community for healthy lifestyles and active transportation where biking and walking are safe and integral part of everyday activities. 2018 now has 15 miles of trails in Billings, 18 miles left to build, in order to complete a marathon loop around the city. Efforts to connect existing trails is the focus, including a main section from Swords park to Zimmerman park.

TrailNet has contributed \$508,000 towards trails and engineering. Billings has no dedicated source for funding trails. City keeps apply for grants and getting denied. Finding public funding is crucial \$2-5 volunteer addition to utility bill either opt in or out, would generate a lot of money. It's still under consideration. In addition community donor match money. The cost per mile for asphalt/concrete is around \$350,000.

Skyline Trail Underpass to be done by MDT to connect trails. Phillips 66 donated money to provide restroom facilities for Zimmerman park.

Discussion regarding whether or not the task force should send a letter to city council supporting. Motion to wait / seconded. Connie will bring the current info to make that decision at next meeting.

Doug Enderson with DOWL: LRTP www.billingslrtp.com

Doug Enderson, with DOWL transportation, presented Urban Long Range Transportation Plan, improvements for the next 20 years. Fed Gov requires transportation systems are reviewed every 4 years, but project for next 20 years.

Involves identifying needs, collecting info for projects and prioritizing and then final plan. The plan goes in front of many different county and city boards for approval. Safety and security are top priorities.

25 major projects since 2014 and 8 are ongoing.

End Exploitation:

Motion to support the resolution discussed in Aug. Died for lack of second. Discussion that due to the fact it is not specifically in our task force area, that we should focus solely on our area.

Annexation petition:

Tiffany pointed out that a section of land near Rimrock Rd and 58th St W has requested a zone change to be annexed into the city in order to obtain city services.

Committees:

Zoning- nothing reported

Transportation safety- nothing reported

Code enforcement- nothing reported

Crime prevention- nothing reported

Community/parks- Centennial Park has approval to move forward with a dog park. The 1st phase of the area will be with regard to restrooms, shelter and then ball park.

Casino- Presentation was made to City Council. Possibly suggesting a moratorium on casinos until more studies and information regarding the impact on the community can be done. As well as increasing the distances from residential areas. More may be done by City Council in November.

Treasurers report: Beginning balance: \$28.20 Donations: \$54 Expenses: \$69 End Balance \$23.20

Project Re-Code:

10/29	10:30am-12pm	Landscaping 1 st floor Miller Building
10/29	1-2:30pm	Signage 1 st floor Miller Building
10/29	3:30-5pm	Steering (location to be determined)
10/29	5:30-7pm	Public Open House (location to be determined)
10/30	10:30am-12pm	Urban Issues 1 st floor Miller Building
10/30	3:30-5pm	County Issues 1 st floor Miller Building

