

West End Task Force | Minutes

April 16th, 2019 | 7pm Faith E Church

Meeting called by	Tiffany Wardell	Guests:	Det. Shane Sheldon
Type of meeting	Monthly WETF		
Chairman:	Tiffany Wardell	Speaker:	Michael Whitaker
Vice Chairman:	Bob Deines		Mark Jarvis/Parks & Rec
Secretary:	Karen Freeman		Dan Wells/The Meadows

AGENDA TOPICS

10 min | Time | Agenda topic: Police Report | Presenter Det. Shane Sheldon

There were 7618 calls for service in the city in March, 926 west end. There were 1130 traffic stops in the city, 101 west end. There were 851 suspicious activity calls in the city, 99 in west end. There were 723 disturbance calls in the city, 55 in west end. 15 cases for drugs in west end, 6 burglaries, 3 robberies, 3 dui, 3 assaults, 541 arrests 63 west end,

104 tickets and 31 warnings.

Crime mapping website: <https://www.ci.billings.mt.us/1773/Crime-Statistics>

City continues to hire more officers

20 min | Time | Agenda topic: Centennial Park Update | Presenter Michael & Mark

In 2015 master plan was developed and approved by City Council for Centennial Park. This fiscal year 2.46 million dollars was approved from general fund and cash in lieu, to move forward in development of phase 1. Phase 1 involves mass grading and moving the parking lot. Partnering with Friends of Billings, the dog park committee will provide \$100K to put a fence around it (roughly 7 acres). Parks department will then handle tree planting. Bidding for baseball diamonds, restrooms and parking, and shelters are going to be bid as added alternates. Also extra parking lots and basketball/pickleball courts will be added alternates as well. April 5th bids started and are due April 30th in order to be able to take them to City Council in May. There will be a year in growth period, with opening slated for Summer 2020. Community groups and non-profits are welcome to come in and fund the building of shelters and playgrounds.

Time 20 | Time | Agenda topic: The Meadows Development Presenter Dan Wells

Currently the land at the corner of 48th and Central is zoned commercial. Wells Built Homes is asking that it be re-zoned R5. The Meadows subdivision will contain a community water system. Test pump results were very positive for water supply. Area will include 3 parks totally 24 acres of park with trail system. Land is currently zones agriculture. 154 lots (1 house per 5,000 sq ft) So lot sizes range up to 9,000 which means it will allow for 60 twin homes and 91 single family lots. It will also have a community drain field for sewer, using some new systems. Annexation of that area is largely based on the developer. The plan is not to annex it into the city at this current time.

- ❖ Committee Updates
- ❖ County recode meeting update: See attached New District info
 - Zoning - BOCC Tues, Apr 23 @9:30 am 316 N 26th St, 3rd floor
 - The new district zoning will be coming out.
 - Transportation/Traffic Safety - Interbeltloop study will meet once a month to have a study completed by the end of the year.
 - Code Enforcement - overall number 42 for Feb. 60 events in west end mostly for snow removal or obstruction of right of way. 4 parking tickets.Landscaping around the DEN at Grand and 54th will be discussed at this same meeting. The city will then work on the landscaping requirements for that area as well.
 - Crime prevention - nothing to report
 - Community/Parks - well done by Parks Department
 - Casino Ordinance - nothing to report
 - New water plant on the west end in Knife River area to be filled out of the big ditch with a lake in 2022.
With that will come rate increases.

Voting in of officers:

Howard Holz voted in as Vice Chair! Welcome to the team! Bob Deines thank you and well done!

Next meeting May 21st, 7pm Faith E

- ❖ City Calendar:
 - ci.billings.mt.us/calendar.aspx
- ❖ One Big Sky Information:
 - onebigskydistrict.com