

# ***Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The North Park Task Force***

06/06/2019

7:00 PM

Type of Meeting: Monthly Task Force Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: North Park Task Force Committee

Invitees: North Park residents, North Park businesses the City of Billings Police Department, City Council representative, Mike Yakawich.

7:00 PM Call to order

7:00 PM Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

7:02 PM Treasury report as follows:

A) \$4396.36 money market account

7:03 PM Billings Police Department Report as follows,

A) Please see attached summary titled, Billings Police Department Task Force Areas Report: May 2019” for full details of the report.

7:06 PM Traffic Report by John Armstrong:

A) The request to retime the stop light on N 13<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave N was not possible due to older technology in the light system. The City approved and posted two new speed limit signs (one on each side) on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave N. The City was successful with retiming the stop light at the intersection of N 18<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave N.

B) The intersection of Airport Road and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave N will have a different flow and there is continue talk with redirection of traffic in this area.

C) The City of Billings completed the analysis of 2-ways, 1-ways etc., and the City did not release the results at this time. The overall analysis directly looked at the direction and flow of traffic, citizens with bike paths, walkways, and how to improve the quality of the system.

7:15 PM Program of Commission on Energy Conservation presented by Yellowstone Valley Citizen Council, Erik Schmidt:

- A) Commission on Energy Conservation
- a. Partners and areas of focus
  - b. History
  - c. Looking ahead
  - d. Shared vision
  - e. Timeline/ data collection and reporting (proposed launch June 2019 and ending March 2022/2023)
  - f. Other cities using this concept (Red Lodge, Helena, Whitefish and Bozeman)
  - g. The City of Billings Council voted for this program and there are now open applications with experts in the community to be a part of this program. Applications will be available soon on the Billings City website.

7:12 PM Old Business-

Randy Hafer reports the current conversations and works with getting information for the lighting of the trees within North Park (area of focus is the trees on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave side only). Randy mentioned he is working with a company to determine the load of each tree to make sure the appropriate weight bearing for the solar system. The projected amount of illumination the solar system will produce is projected to be about 8 hours. This will also vary with the changes in season and the amount of direct sunlight. The total amount of trees is 14 trees.

7:18 PM New Business

Jim through the City Park Board, reports and suggests a representative from the North Park Task Force should attend the next meeting. The meeting is scheduled 11am-1:30pm on 6/12/19 at the South Side Community Center. Jim mentioned that two residents, whom do not reside in the North Park area, are making statements that North Park should not get the allowance, through the City, to improve the playground equipment due to their opinion of “there are no kids in the area to allow for the allowance”. Apparently, the two residents are driving by and making this determination and not using actual data and facts of the age population throughout the North Park Task Force area.

Mike Yakawich spoke about code enforcement and reminded the area to please call for the improvements, there are limited improvements if nothing is reports. Mike also reports that the City is looking and cutting costs. Mike mentioned 3 million dollars is lost in franchise fees, looking at cuts with overtime with police and fire department, parks district, etc.

Also, Mike spoke about the ditch issues on View Crest Lane. One citizens home is destroyed with the leaking of water on the property in which MSU shut off the gas line to prevent any gas damages. The home is literally turning due to the water leakage and the City of Billings and other members of the City are aware of the current condition of the home. The Dawn Kaiser family can no longer live in the home. The ditch claims no responsibility for the damages occurred. Mike suggested for the North Park Task force to show support to the family and to look at the property and touch base with the family.

Mike also would like the area citizens to contact Officer Lamb 591-6591 in reporting any non-emergency issues..

8:00 PM Meeting adjourned