

Draft Minutes of PPTF November 19, 2019 meeting

Meeting was called to order by Jerry Kessler and a pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited. Perry Moler volunteered to record the meeting as acting Secretary.

A motion was requested from the chair to adopt the September 17, 2019 Task Force meeting minutes was so moved by Linda and seconded by Chantel and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Speakers were introduced: Caitlin Hraban, Counselor at McKinley School, Morgan Miller of Riverstone Health, Mike Yakawich Ward 1 Council person, Brent Cromley Ward 1 (outgoing council person), Kendra Shaw Ward 1 (Incoming council person), Officer Sgt Ben Milam.

Caitlin Hraban spoke about McKinley school; that it is not yet at desired capacity, that most children are from financially challenged families and that it is a location for a boys and girls club after school and during the summer. Because this club has a high minority density, services to ALL children at this location is free, paid for by a federal grant which includes free lunches. Caitlin was asked if McKinley School would like to contribute to our neighborhood newsletter, received an affirmative answer.

Morgan Miller of Yellowstone Count Safe Routes to School Committee, informed us that McKinley School has been selected along with Highland for a Walking School Bus programs this year. This project team's neighborhood volunteers with neighborhood kids to lead and escort them to and from school. The program is seeking neighborhood volunteers to expand the project. Contact Morgan Miller at 406-247-3276.

Mike Yakawich presented a council report and stated that a noise ordinance was coming up for a vote at the next meeting November 25. (council meets weekly at 5:30 Mondays at city hall). The safety levy is up for discussion beginning next meeting. He stated that the city has reduced leaded water service lines from about 1300 to about 800 and the budget now finances a plan to rid the remaining lead service lines within five years. The crew of the USS Billings will be in town for a week visiting area schools.

Brent Cromley was thanked by those present for working tirelessly in public service as a State Representative, State Senator, Billings Council person and being on many civic boards and groups. Kendra Shaw was congratulated for becoming our next Ward 1 council person.

Sgt Milam reported that because our TF area is small the numbers come out skewed because other TF cover larger areas but that the department is trying to develop a by population statistic to more accurately report crime impact by the populations the TFs. Public access to the TF statistics is available from the city's web site (<https://ci.billings.mt.us/>), under Services, then to Neighborhood Task Forces then to report dates that are available.

Requests for nominations for Task Force offices was opened. After some discussion the floor was opened for volunteers. Anna O'Donnell, Chantel Rochin and Perry Moler volunteered and were unanimously elected to the positions as Chairperson, Vice-Chair and Secretary respectively.

Elections concluded the meeting's agenda, a motion to adjourn by Clayton, seconded by Shanna, was approved, meeting concluded.

Respectively submitted by
Perry Moler
Acting Secretary