

West End Task Force | Minutes

Feb 19, 2018 | 7pm Faith E Church gym

Meeting called by	Tiffany Wardell	Guests: Det. Shane Sheldon
Type of meeting	Monthly WETF	
Chairman:	Tiffany Wardell	Speaker: Bob Deines
Vice Chairman:	Bob Deines	
Secretary:	Karen Freeman	

AGENDA TOPICS

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

Jan 1102 charges to appear in court or arrest. 500 arrests, 92 happened in WETF area and 52 arrested in our area. 900 citations. 83 in WETF warnings. Trends are: DUI, assaults, burglaries, motor vehicle thefts and robberies. Spike in our area for drugs. 1 gram a meth is what the basic user uses a day; size of a sugar packet. This costs around \$80. 1 oz of meth is \$800 and then they divide it and sell it. Street crime unit does non uniform enforcement. Drug offenses in our area, the unit picked up about 30 grams of meth. No specific age range for users. Crimes carry different charges and sentencing. Marijuana 60 grams or less is a misdemeanor, more is Federal offense due to distributing. Even prescription drugs that are not yours or sold to someone else is a felony.

If people are good candidates for drug treatment then they go to drug treatment court.

Report for January: 49 Abandon cars, 12 accident hit/run, 34 accident property damage, 8 with injury, 2 animal complaints, 43 area checks, 62 disturbances, 7 parking complaints, 16 suicide attempts, 104 suspicious activity, 16 harassment, 50 traffic complaints, 110 traffic stops, 6 vandalism, 42 welfare checks.

Reminder to keep car doors locked, garage doors shut.

40 min | Time | Agenda topic: Zoning Requirements | Presenter Bob Deines

Brewpub at 54th and Grand passed. Attending City Council Meeting creates a big impact.

The main issues are: zone changes, variances, special reviews of zoning.

Zone changing: Applicant has to notify people, within a small surrounding area, notified of preliminary meeting.

Applicant has to answer questions as to why the zoning is within the requirements. Then, the plan goes to development committee and gives a recommendation to the commissioners.

Tina suggests looking at the report about what the impact has on the community. Focus on things that don't meet the minimum requirement to use as an argument. The west end plans calls for a commercial node at the corner of 54th and Grand. That's why the casino was able to come in. Maybe it would be a good idea to go in to looking at plans as they come out. Looking at project re-code is currently being done. Also look into what the long range plans are for west end. More and more businesses are wanting to come to the west end so we need to be looking at what development we want.

Might be time to redo the West End Neighborhood Plan and we could be a part of doing that. Tina will include the criteria zoning needs to be met, along with the minutes. Heights task force also facing same issues.

The re-code changes are only extending 4 mile radius around the city limits. Next re-code meeting Feb 28th.

Showing up at the meetings makes the committees think we care. If we don't show up then they think we approve. We need to be a voice for our area. Writing letters is good but showing up is better.

Developers are looking and we need to be ready. Tina will research the West End Neighborhood Plan to see how or if we can rewrite the plan.

The plan will be attached to the minutes as well.

Time 20 | *Time* | Agenda topic: Task Force Committees

5 committees:

1. Zoning
2. Traffic Safety and transportation
3. Code enforcement - Still looking for snow buddies. Looking for a volunteer to head committee.
4. Crime Prevention
5. Community/Parks - Space2Place Creative grants available see Karen
6. Casino Ordinance

Time for officer elections next month. Contact Tiffany if you're interested.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting March 19th, 7pm Faith E