

West End Task Force | Minutes

March 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: Dan Carr/Shiloh Commons
Vice Chairman:	Bob Deines	Monica Plecker/Annexation
Secretary:	Karen Freeman	

AGENDA TOPICS

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

Detective Sheldon brought his colleague Bobby, who does the police department graphics, attended the meeting as well. West end task force calls for service 707 (6,222 for the entire city). 85 traffic stops with tickets (851 for the entire city) and 78 suspicious activity (685 for the entire city) are the largest number of calls. Drug reports have increased. 55 people arrested on west end. Facebook will have the graphics posted as well. When you see suspicious activity, do not confront, but take notes as to dates, times and people. 657-8200 is the non-emergency number to contact.

20 min | Time | Agenda topic: Shiloh Commons beer/wine | Presenter Dan Carr

Each building has bottom level commercial and three levels of residential. There is a restaurant (breakfast/lunch diner type place) that wants to open in the building second closest to the Faith Chapel. They have applied for a special review to serve alcohol (beer/wine). 1882 Commons will also be moving in one of the buildings closer to Central, outside of the required distance from a church. Motion made and seconded, to give WETF opinion after the neighborhood meeting.

Time 20 | Time | Agenda topic: Annexation Presenter Monica Plecker

The City of Billings intends to permit the annexation of land as to provide for orderly growth, adequate provision of municipal services and equal benefits to both the annexed territory and existing city properties. Every November, there is a set time for property owners in Orange areas on the map (long range plan) to request a change in their property status. Residents submit an application and an urban planning study. This takes into consideration what city services needed such as roads, water and sewer. Then city staffers meet and evaluate the applications. They formalize a recommendation to approve or deny the request. Then a long range area plan is developed. No applications came in this last November. Red area has completed the required information and can submit for annexation during the year at a cost of around \$1,000. The city of Billings does not force annexation of property. Because if the city would do that, then they would have to pay for it. Residents in the red zone usually come to the city because they are in need of city services. Then there is a staff review as to the ability to provide services and the needs required to bring it to the standard of city services. Next there is a recommendation or conditions of approval. A resident can have property in the orange or red areas indefinitely. The developers are responsible for the cost of developing and bringing in city services. The city and the county do not have a joint growth policy.

- ❖ Committee Updates
- ❖ County recode meeting update: county knows there are problems with annexation and working on the problems. Accessory buildings is a new discussion
 - Zoning
 - Transportation/Traffic Safety
 - Code Enforcement
 - Crime prevention
 - Community/Parks
 - Casino Ordinance

Contact Tiffany if you're interested in holding the position of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary/Treasurer..
Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting April 16th, 7pm Faith

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