

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The North Park Task Force

05/02/2019

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 Administrator.

7:00 PM Call to order

7:00 PM Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

7:02 PM Treasury report as follows:

A) \$4385.36 money market account

7:03 PM Billings Police Department Report Officer Lamb as follows,

A) 1,123 total calls for services in the task force area in April of 2019. 186 arrest charges occurred in the North Park task force area, 66 of these were unique individuals. 892 citations and 645 warnings issued in the City of Billings in April 2019. 174 of the citations and 57 of the warning were issued in the North Park Task Force area.

B) Glass throughout the park sidewalks. Parks and Recreation are hiring for a new seasonal worker(s) that will help with the cleanliness. Keep in mind about the location of the park with the traffic.

C) A question about the North Park spray park operation. The spray park operates from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend. Also, the North Park is slated on getting a new spray park in the future.

D) More officers have been hired and with this help there is an increase of safety and security with more face to face contact in various areas of need.

7:12 PM Program presented by City Administrator Chris Kukulski

A) Review of City of Billings Council forum

- a. High, medium and low priorities
- b. High priorities are, improving the safety of Billings with law enforcement, fire capabilities, safe routes to schools, code enforcement and investigate hiring another full-time judge, implement the One Big Sky Plan, Successful 2019 Legislative Session, Advance west end reservoir and water treatment plant projects and complete project re-code.
- c. Medium Priorities include improve communication with citizens, improve city parks and trails system, advance airport expansion project, determine scope of the South Billings Rec center and transportation system improvements.
- d. Low priorities are proposing long-term solutions to City Hall space issues, research options to creating a public information officer type position, ongoing administrative topics and ongoing city council topics.

B) A question and concern were presented about the time frame about transportation for handicap residents through the MET transit system.

- a. Looking at the number of individuals using public transportation
- b. Looking at the routes and areas for needed traffic

C) A question was presented about the homeless population and the increase of traffic of individuals throughout the area of folks sleeping in the streets.

- a. There is a lot of engagement with servicing this population and seeing new faces around town.

D) The City of Billings staff emails will change to last name followed by first initial @billingsmt.gov

7:43 PM Old Business-

None reported

7:18 PM New Business

A) Randy Hafer Montana Department of Transportation regarding the railroad crossing on N 27th.

- B) Brian Epley presented a grant awarded for \$4000.00 to create musical flowers in front of the new building of the Children's Museum.
- C) EBURD annual meeting and invited Brian Epley. Brian mentioned about attending the meetings and attempting to gain funding for the lighting on the trees in North Park 6th avenue side.
- D) North Park Task Force annual BBQ to be in September possibly at the Yellowstone Brewery. September 12th is the possible date for the BBQ.

7:57 PM Meeting adjourned