

West End Neighborhood Task Force Agenda

Date / time 2/18/2020 7:00 PM | *Location* Faith E Church 3145 Sweet Water Dr.

Chairperson	Tiffany Wardell	Website <ul style="list-style-type: none">https://ci.billings.mt.us/676/West-End-Task-Force
Vlce Chair	Howard Holz	Facebook Group <ul style="list-style-type: none">West End Neighborhood Task Force
Secretary/Treasurer	Karen Freeman	Email <ul style="list-style-type: none">billingswetf@gmail.com
		West End Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">https://ci.billings.mt.us/DocumentCenter/View/36411/Adopted-West-Billings-Plan

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve and seconded

Old Business: West Billings Plan letter sent to the planning department and members of city council wards 4 & 5. Letter asks to update the West Billings Neighborhood Plan.

Police Report: Detective Shane Sheldon

No stats to report tonight. Body found in garbage bin, investigation ongoing. Police dept already hit 12,000 calls this year. Getting really close to having a full officer staff on the street. Some still need training.

Update on officer hit by car. Some of the juveniles were already known by the police department. Officer is doing well, broken leg in several places. Troubled teens get younger and younger.

West Billings Plan: Volunteering for the committee: Shirley McDermot, Howard Holz, Pam Purinton (to be cheked by Tiffany before the minutes are published),

2020 Census: Lora Mattox, City Planning website: www.census.mt.gov

Census is vitally important and an accurate count is vitally important. Good paying jobs available to help out with the census \$14-\$20 an hour. Breakdown available to see how Montana will get money see:

Counting for Dollars 2020 by George Washington University website. <https://gwipp.gwu.edu/counting-dollars-2020-role-decennial-census-geographic-distribution-federal-funds>

Eligible states will allocated matching funds based upon the number of children under the age of 13. This is based on the Child care Mandatory and Matching Funds.

2010 census Montana came in 11th in the best count in accuracy. Montana has over 1 million and anticipated growth at 1%. Better count means more money for the state.

Large businesses look at the census data to consider bringing their business to Montana.

Health, Education, Transportation and senior centers and child care and cultural programs are served by the money that comes in from the federal funds because of the census.

With the correct census count we will be able to add another seat in the house of representatives.

Promote the census with telling neighbors and family to get counted. The census is only 10 questions and is easy to complete online or at the library or by mail.

April 1, 2020 is census day when the count starts. **Runs to October. Results by Jan 1, 2021.**

Look for the card in the mail in March. Each card has a special code that matches your location. Follow directions on the card and log on and answer 10 questions to fill out the census information.

New annexation area info: NW corner of Central and Shiloh around the current gas station. Application for a special review to build a car wash next to the gas station.

For questions or concerns contact Monica Plecker at PleckerM@billingsmt.gov

On the agenda for city council meeting Feb 24th 5:30pm.

Nominating committee volunteers have presented

Chair- Howard Holz

Vice Chair- Gordon Olsen

Secretary- Tina Volek

Voting will take place next month. In order to vote, you must have attended 3 of the last 12 meetings.

Please come and vote.

Next meeting March 17th, 2020 Faith E Church 7pm