

Midtown Community Collaborative (MCC) – October Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Location: 1234 Ave C, Billings, MT (Entry in rear of building)

1. Welcome & Agenda Overview (10 mins)

- Introduction: who we are, our vision, and what we're building together
- Brief walk-through of tonight's agenda

2. Mission Statement & Purpose (15 mins)

- **Mission:** “To bring neighbors together to create solutions and build a stronger, safer community.”
- What the MCC is and isn’t
 - **What It Is**
 - A *volunteer-led* group of residents and stakeholders who care about improving our neighborhood.
 - A space to *share ideas, identify problems, and collaborate on solutions*.
 - A bridge between the community, local government, and city services.
 - Focused on *action, communication, and community-building*.
 - Open to everyone who wants to make Midtown stronger, safer, and more connected.
 - **What It Isn’t**
 - It’s *not* a homeowner’s association (HOA). We don’t enforce rules or collect dues.
 - It’s *not* a political group—our focus is on *local, practical improvements*.
 - It’s *not* a complaint box, we’re here to find *solutions*, not just vent frustrations.
 - It’s *not* just talking. We’re here to *build, clean, fix, and support*.

3. Current Tools & Initiatives (15–20 mins)

- Present current ideas and tools:
 - Community mass texting system
 - Brainstormed event ideas
 - Known issues
- Ask for suggestions and additions

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4. Community Needs & Quick Wins (30 mins)

- Open forum discussion
 - What problems are top priority?
 - What quick wins can we organize before next meeting?
 - What are ways to make meetings and problems visible to all?

5. Volunteer Roles & Committees (15 mins)

- Ask for volunteers for open roles
- Define roles:
 - Communications Lead (texts/social)
 - Event Coordinator
 - Safety Lead
- Announce open roles and invite volunteers
- Clarify expectations
- Confirm basic structure for communication and updates

6. Next Steps & Meeting Schedule (10–15 mins)

- Set December meeting date/time
- Confirm initial action items:
 - Launch text sign-up push
 - Plan one event
 - Start contact list of interested residents

7. Wrap-Up & Attendee Input Q&A (10 mins)

- Open floor for final comments/questions
- Go around the room: Name, years in neighborhood, one thing you'd like to see change/improve
- Thank everyone for coming and for being part of the solution

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-Midtown Community Collaborative Bylaws-

Section 1. Name:

The name of this organization is the Midtown Community Collaborative (hereinafter, MCC).

Section 2. Purpose:

The general purpose of the MCC is to improve the quality, character, and engagement of and within the community through dialogue, collaboration, and cooperation, uniting to create opportunity for community growth and development, fostering a commitment to common goals and values, organizing events to connect and communicate and developing a support system to assist and encourage.

Section 3. Boundary:

The MCC boundaries are identified as being the center of city streets from 38th St. to the west, Virginia Lane to the east, Rimrock Rd. to the north, and Grand Ave. to the south.

Section 4. Membership:

Meetings are open to all who wish to attend. Membership is restricted to those living and/or having real estate ownership within MCC boundaries.

Section 5. Voting:

Voting is restricted to members 18 years of age and older. Votes can be cast in person or via electronic voting ballots accessible online. Voting by proxy is not permitted.

Section 6. Officers:

The officers of the MCC shall consist of three members – a Chairperson, a Vice-chair, and a Secretary.

Section 7. Terms:

Terms are two years for all officers. MCC officers will be elected by a democratic process in xxx. It is desired no officer serve consecutive terms. Special elections will be held as needed.

Nominations for officers begin two months in advance of election.

Section 8. Meetings:

Regular meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6pm. Special meetings will be held as necessary. Location pending.

Section 9. Quorum:

Seven voting members, of which one is an elected officer, must be present to make the proceedings of a meeting valid. Virtual attendance qualifies as present.

Section 10. Agenda Items:

Agenda items must be submitted to the Chairperson at least 14 days in advance of a meeting.

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Section 11. Dues:

Dues are not required; however, donations are accepted to help fund MCC meeting and event costs (e.g. food, activities, space, etc.).

Section 12. Amendments:

These bylaws may be amended or revised during any regular meeting by a majority vote. Proposed amendments must be proposed in writing by a voting member and read at one meeting prior to

voting. Upon adoption, a copy of the new Bylaws will be forwarded to the Planning and Community Services

Department of the City of Billings for posting.

Section 13. Spokesperson:

Only elected officers can speak as an official representative for MCC.

Section 14. Appointments:

Chairperson may appoint or assign members to positions to better facilitate operation and image of the MCC.

Section 15. Authority:

Robert's Rule of Order will govern all meetings.