

THE INTER-NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (INC) MEETING OF BOZEMAN, MONTANA  
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 12th, 2018

City Hall, Commission Room, 121 N Rouse Ave

Attending: Kathy Powell (UNA), Dick Canfield (SCAN), Suzanne Held (NENA), Lilly Stirling (Flanders Creek), Ginny Cowan (Bozeman Creek), Sabrina Bajakian (Cooper Park), Commissioner Terry Cunningham, Julian Calabrese (Cooper Park), Tanya Andreasen, Neighborhood Coordinator

A. Call Meeting to Order: Cathy Powell called the meeting to order.

Tanya Andreasen introduced Melody Mileur, the new city Communications Coordinator.

B. Changes to the Agenda: There were no changes to the agenda.

C. Public Comment: There was no public comment.

D. Approve Minutes: Dick Canfield made a motion to approve the June 14 meeting minutes; Ginny Cowan seconded the motion. The June meeting minutes were approved.

E. Special Presentation: Bozeman Public Safety Center

We heard from Deputy Fire Chief Mike Maltaverne, Police Chief Steve Crawford, and Commissioner Terry Cunningham about the proposed Bozeman Public Safety Center. The Center will be on the ballot on November 6th

Bozeman is considered the safest large city in Montana and the average response time for emergency calls is 6 minutes. Our population is growing and is expected to reach 50,000 by 2020 and is expected to double by 2040. We are out of space for public safety and our current facilities are not meeting needs.

Proposed is one facility to solve 4 needs, which will allow services to work together more closely and meet community needs. The new facility brings together:

- Police Department
- Fire Department
- Victim Services and Prosecution Office
- Municipal Courts

Police Chief Steve Crawford shared highlights of the need for this center:

- With the increased population comes an increase in the number of calls.
- The Bozeman Police Department is out of space at Law and Justice Center
- Evidence area not up to standards
- No fire protection
- Deficiency in court space
- Building is structurally unsound
- Municipal courts: no separate flow for victims, jurors, those who are being prosecuted, which brings issues of confidentiality and safety
- No secure screening to come into Law and Justice Center; issues of safety
- New center solves all of these problems

Deputy Fire Chief Mike Maltaverne shared highlights of the need for this center:

- Building 1 fire department is not structurally sound
- The building's heating and cooling is from 1965 and is failing
- Parking area is half owned by labor temple, exceeded capacity
- They have exceeded their useful space

The new facility would be on North Rouse and Oak. Advantages to the proposed Public Safety Center:

- One building for all public safety needs with room to grow as our city grows
- Central location
- Cost savings for the future
- More privacy for victims

Efficiencies of this plan:

- The city of Bozeman already owns property at the proposed site
- Plan to sell Fire Station 1 to offset costs (Rouse and Mendenhall)
- Shared training, resources, and storage
- Fire and Police respond to calls together
- Safety hub for Bozeman citizens

The estimated cost is \$37.5 million, which translates into \$101.78/year for the average home owner or \$8.50/month.

Relationship with Gallatin County:

- They support the center
- Continued commitment and high level of service to Bozeman residents and families
- Bozeman emergency services will continue a healthy and cooperative relationship with the Gallatin County Sheriff's office

Next steps: They are available to meet with neighborhoods and community groups to provide this presentation and to answer questions. Vote on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### F. Special Presentation – Marty Matsen, Community Development Director

Short Term Rental (defined as a rental that is less than 28 days) – a year ago there began a discussion on this issue and an ordinance was passed in the Fall 2017 regulating STRs. The ordinance went into place December 2017; 3 classifications: different types are allowed in different districts

Type 1 STR: bedroom(s) in owner-occupied house

Type 2 STR: stand alone unit in owner-occupied house or duplex

Type 3 STR: stand alone unit where owner is not present

The city has purchased a subscription to software that looks online for listings, which allows the city to check on compliance.

How is registration process going? It's been a learning curve and a lot of work for staff. There are two main types of registration: one-off registrations for people who have one STR and registrations for companies/businesses who have more than one STR. This is a time-intensive process due to checking approvals from state and county, parking, fire, health, etc.

How many STRs are there in the city? Approximately 300.

How many are registered with the city? At present, there are 40 registered and completed, 48 in process and 28 new applications that are going through initial processing;

What is the re-registration process like? People can do this online annually.

The ability to regulate is somewhat dependent on person power for code compliance and code compliance includes many other code compliance issues in addition to STRs. The city currently has one code compliance officer and is working to reorganize the code compliance division to increase capacity.

#### G. Commission Liaison Update – Commissioner Terry Cunningham

Upcoming agendas/work of relevance to neighborhoods:

- The city is working to update the Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District (NCOD).
  - From the web: On June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the City of Bozeman Commission approved a professional services agreement with the consulting firm BendonAdams to complete a project to evaluate potential alternatives to the existing Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District (NCOD) and restructuring of the Historic Preservation Program.
  - The current project builds upon the previous work in 2015, consulting firms KLJ & ARCHitecture Trio to evaluate the effects of the NCOD on historic preservation, affordable housing and infill developments within the NCOD. These findings were produced in the 2015 NCOD Report.
  - The current project is to propose actionable and specific potential alternatives to the current laws, regulations, boundaries and procedures of the NCOD and associated Historic Preservation Program.
  - To get involved see: <https://www.bozeman.net/city-projects/ncod-review>

#### H. Neighborhood Coordinator News

- NCOD events coming up this week (see above).
- ADU affordable housing initiative: Fall architecture studio.
- The Community Plan (AKA: growth policy) is being worked on right now by a group of consultants. The public is invited to get involved – this will happen in August.
- The INC was represented at the Tuesday Bogart Farmer’s Market with new marketing materials

H. Adjournment; The meeting was adjourned at 6:24pm

**Next meeting: Thursday, August 9, 2018 – 4:30 PM – City Hall, Commission Room (121 N Rouse Ave)**