

**Helena Citizens' Council (HCC)**

**Monthly Meeting**

**March 06, 2019 – 7:00 PM Postponed from February 27, 2019**

**City/County Building – Room 326**

**Helena, Montana**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Attendance:

**Members Present:** A Quorum was present.

District 1: Flannery Herbert, John Andrew

District 2: Meg Bishop, Nancy Perry, Susan Lenard, Nick Sovner

District 3: Sumner Sharpe

District 4: Tom Woodgerd, Douglas Hunsaker, Dylan Klapmeier

District 5: Carolan Bunegar

District 6: Whitney Bausch

District 7: Bob Habeck, Denise Roth Barber,

**Other Attendees:** City Manager Cortez, Director of Community Development Sharon Haugen, Jim Kammerer (What's On Your Mind)

**Members Absent:** Patricia Christian, Eric Seidle, Gary Dalton, Margaret Strachan, Dick Sloan, Doris Davis.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Sumner Sharpe called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**Public Comment:**

An opportunity for public comment was solicited.

**New Member:** Nick Sovner was welcomed as a new member.

**Approval of November's HCC Meeting Minutes.**

Chairman Sharpe called for corrections to the minutes. Minutes were approved.

### **Guest Speakers:**

City Manager Cortez gave a city budget update and a review of budget policy and planning. HCC invited to participate in budget process.

Sharon Haugen spoke on medical marijuana dispensary issues and zoning.

Sharon also spoke on the Community Growth Policy and the opportunities for HCC participation.

Jim Kammerer Spoke on the issue of Open Data.

### **Chairman Sharpe's announcements**

Vacancies in districts 3,5, and 6. Treasurer's position vacant due to the resignation of Maureen Kiely.

Request for Guest Speakers and "What's on Your Mind" speakers and agenda topics.

### **Committee Reports**

Reports were received from Denise Roth Barber.

Denise spoke on election procedures re: HCC Members. I.e. placement on City Ballot.

Denise made the motion that the HCC recommend to the City Commission that the City Commission abide by the city charter and place all districts on the general election ballot and including a space for write-in candidates.

The motion was seconded by Bob Habeck, voted on and passed unanimously. Chairman Sharpe will forward to City Commission.

### **HCC 2019 Priorities**

A discussion was held concerning priorities for the HCC for 2019.

Chairman Sharpe recapped last years priorities, action taken and results.

2019 priorities suggest by members include:

- Future Water and Sewer Extensions / Annexation.
- City Growth Policy Outreach
- Conservation: Solar Power and recycling
- Street Maintenance City
- Open Space Management
- Utilization of Undeveloped and Underutilized Land in the City.
- Open Data Policy

### **OTHER:**

Denise Roth Barber announced the formation of a trails advisory committee to work with the consultant to be selected and invited HCC representation.

Chairman Sharpe announced the resignation of Treasurer Kiley and invited members to indicate if they are interested in serving on the executive committee.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:03 PM.**

Next HCC meeting will be held **March 27** and the Executive Committee will meet March 13