

## NORTH PARK TASK FORCE

### MAY AGENDA

#### NORTH PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

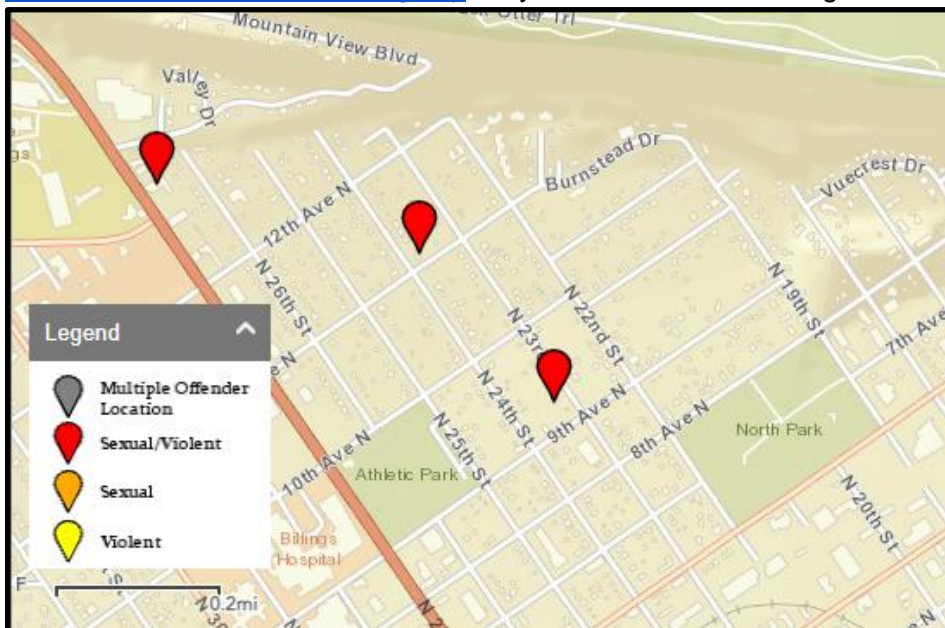
1 MAY, 2024

7:00 PM

Attendees:

#### North Park Crime Report – Sergeant Mansur

- North Park was a top 4 neighborhood in calls for service, but down overall in March
- Increase in transient/homeless population with warmer weather
- [Billings crime map](#)—“like Zillow for crime”
- [Sexual and violent offender registry](#) Only 3 current offenders registered in North Park:



#### Ashley Kavanagh – [Big Sky Economic Development](#)

Economic pulse document (attached)

Space to Place grant recipients–North Park Community Center mural

- BSED partners with neighborhoods to bring new investment/offer solutions
- Follow economic trends and data in the community. Where is the economy at? We are #1 county for in-migration in the state, 3 busiest roads in state
- ZooMontana is among top 10 zoos in the nation
- Education investments: SD2, nursing school, veterinary school
- Airport has added 7 new flights since fall 2023, working on more

Anastasia Edwards – Big Sky Quantum SHIELD – Cyber Security Awareness and Defense

17 years as a cybersecurity analyst in the corporate world. Working with Billings neighborhoods to educate about risks, get fundamentals into classrooms

- People are biggest components of digital security—focus on the human/customer side
- Defense from computer and phone scammers, emails, AI, phishing, malware
- Safety awareness and empowerment in the digital realm. Quantum computing, multiple tracks of information sharing
- SSNs, emails, any small piece of info is gold for scammers
- Top 3 cybersecurity tips:
  - Be conscious, add digital security awareness to daily routine
  - Be skeptical, don't fall for unexpected or strange proposals
  - Don't get caught up in the moment/urgency—scammers rely on social engineering and manipulation

Samantha \_\_\_\_\_ – [AWARE Head Start program](#)

- Head Start offers family services for parents, children
- School readiness for ages 0-3, parent classes
- Language, physical development, cognition, healthy meals, cooking classes, early screening/intervention
- 4-1 student to staff ratio
- Kids who attend Head Start are less likely to repeat grade, be criminals. Early education affects graduation, employment and future prospects.

City of Billings – [Traffic Engineering](#)

- Dakota with city engineering will do another traffic count on N. 22nd for speed tracking
- Look into narrowing radius on traffic circles, but may not be feasible/legal
- City is considering changing stop signs to yields to match roundabout signage
- MET bus speeds - suggest spacing out timetable to discourage bus speeding
- Possibly move 25mph speed limit sign, reduce to 15mph in traffic circles

North Park – Park Refresh Progress

- Playground and bathrooms - very close to opening
- Dog Park - Broke ground last week; Superior Concrete Brian Epley laying foundations
- Frisbee Golf - pads and pins hopefully laid by June

Other News

- City is throwing a block party for the North Park grand re-opening on **Saturday, June 22** with food, face painting, dunk tank, etc.
- Community bulletin board at 7th and 22nd park entrance? Could apply for BIRD funding, CPTED initiatives/funding
- Interest in bike racks near tennis/bball courts?

**Next NPTF meeting will be Wednesday, June 5**