

## Summary of Neighborhood Meeting

On July 24th, 2023 at 7:00pm, a neighborhood meeting was held on the property with the legal description Blue Creek Acreage Tracts Subs, S28, T01S, R26E, Lot 7. The purpose of the meeting was to make adjacent property owners aware of the owner's plans to annex into the city of Billings for the purposes of connecting to city services and apply for a zone change from RR1 to N3 to comply with available city zone codes. A list of attendees is attached.

The meeting began with the owner introducing himself and his builder. The owner then explained that his original intent for the property was to remain within the county, but because of DEQ requirements related to new septic fields, the owners decided that annexation and rezoning would better suit their needs.

A concern was raised by many of the attendees, several of whom are not within the 300' radius, that they would not support a zoning change out of fear that if the subject property were to be annexed, their properties could then be forced into annexation. The owner stated that in previous conversations with personnel within the city planning department, he was told that the city cannot force anyone into annexation. Several attendees basically replied with something to the extent of "if it's not in writing, they don't believe it".

Some of the attendees asked what the owner's intended use for the property was, to which the owner advised them that he plans to build a single family residence and a small shop space and is looking for more space to pursue gardening and fruit tree growing interests.

After approximately 30 minutes, six of the attendees, most of which were the vocal opponents of annexation and rezoning, left the meeting. At that time, the six remaining attendees, all but one of whom is an adjacent property owner, stated their approval of the proposal for the property.

By 7:40, all attendees had left.