

Great Falls Citizens' Council
Council of Councils Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2014

The meeting was opened by Joe Leggett, Neighborhood Council #9, at 7:00 p.m.

Delegates present: Neal DuBois, Neighborhood Council #1; Sue Ann Strickland, Neighborhood Council #2, Richard Calsetta, Neighborhood Council #3; Sandra Guynn, Neighborhood Council #4; Eric Ray, Neighborhood Council #5; Amber Colton-Gardner, Neighborhood Council #7; Robin Schreiner, Neighborhood Council #8; Joe Leggett, Neighborhood Council #9; and Commissioner Bill Bronson.

Councils not represented: Neighborhood Council #6.

Guests: Great Falls City Manager Greg Doyon.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Minutes** from the February 27, 2014 meeting were presented and the vote to accept the minutes as presented was unanimous to approve. Sue Ann Strickland, Council #2, asked when the Little Free Libraries would be installed. Patty Cadwell said she would check on the timeframe.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Great Falls City Budget**

City Manager Greg Doyon presented slides explaining the current budget process and condition of same (attached). The plan has been to trim and build capacity in the City Budget. Several Council members had questions to which Mr. Doyon responded.

OTHER BUSINESS

Individual Council Sharing

1. Neal DuBois reported his Council had received information on the proposed Hilton Garden Inn expansion of a Convention Center and additional hotel. Before commenting for the Planning Board, the Council used two meeting to gather input from the residents.
2. Sue Ann Strickland reported her Council had been receiving information from Community Policing Sgt. Slavik, the Turf Club, political candidates, and the Calumet Refinery.
3. Rich Calsetta reported his Council had been working on communicating with the neighbors and had received information on housing projects, the Voyageur Apartments, the Skyline Heights apartments, and River City Casino.
4. Sandra Guynn reported her Council had been busy with the East Retail Development (they held a joint community meeting with Council #5) and had also heard from Sgt. Slavik regarding crime statistics in the Council area.
5. Eric Ray reported his Council's Little Free Library had been installed with a bit of media coverage, had raised enough money to redo the walking path in Russell Park and install bike racks, and had voted to meet all summer.

- 7 Amber Gardner reported her Council had had a Neighborhood Watch recruitment event, Greg Doyon presented budget information to the Council, the Little Free Library will go into Carter Park, and had received information on abandoned properties, and the Emerald Ash Borer.
- 8 Robin Schreiner reported his Council had been pretty quiet, their Little Free Library will be installed in Kiwanis Park, had received crime reports/statistics from GFPD, and would host an Ice Cream Social in August.
- 9 Joe Leggett reported his Council had received information on crime statistics, had experienced some loitering problems around GFHS, the Little Free Library will go in Lions Park, Starbucks was being built on 10th Avenue South, and had a new climbing rock in Lions Park.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. **Neighborhood Concerns:** Sue Strickland asked how other Councils handled signing the students' forms. Also Tim, a reporter from KFBB, introduced himself to the Council members.

The next Council of Councils meeting will be held Tuesday, October 28, 2014.

A motion and second were made to close the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Cadwell
Neighborhood Council Coordinator