

Great Falls Citizens' Council
Council of Councils Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2013

The meeting was opened by Carl Donovan, Neighborhood Council #6, at 7:00 p.m.

Delegates present: Fred Rauch, Neighborhood Council #1; Phyllis Hemstad, Neighborhood Council #2; Sandra Guynn, Neighborhood Council #4; Eric Ray, Neighborhood Council #5; Carl Donovan, Neighborhood Council #6; Karen Grove, Neighborhood Council #8; Jason Lehmann, Neighborhood Council #9; and Commissioner Burow.

Councils not represented: Neighborhood Council #3 and Neighborhood Council #7.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Minutes** from the May, 28, 2013 meeting were presented and the vote to accept the minutes as presented was unanimous to approve.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Community Enhancement Grant Survey – Comprehensive Planner Ida Meehan:** Ida gave an overview of the Downtown Growth Plan, the Long Range Transportation Plan, and the recently completed Growth Policy Update. She also spoke about the Visual Preference electronic survey that was funded from a grant obtained by the City County Health Department and that was designed to get participation from Great Falls residents through the Neighborhood Councils. At the end of the survey period (now through January 31, 2014), participation will be tallied electronically by Neighborhood Council areas, with the area receiving the most completed surveys receiving special recognition. Ida also introduced Planning/Community Development Director Craig Raymond who, in turn, introduced new Deputy Director Lee Nellis.

OTHER BUSINESS

Individual Council Sharing

1. Fred Rauch reported his Council was keeping an eye on the deer population and crime has been down.
2. Phyllis Hemstad reported a new community garden in her area has been successful; the Council is planning a candidates' forum; Viaduct Park has been cleaned up and changed from park land to open space.
3. No delegate present.
4. Sandra Guynn reported that crime was down in her neighborhood; the Autumn Run Apartments are planning additional units; and there had been a significant mistake made with ballots to some residents in her Council area which the Council was monitoring.
5. Eric Ray reported a donor will pay for new paving for the Russell Park walking path; the Council and park committee are still fundraising for other park amenities; NeighborWorks' Cascade Citizen's Leadership Institute was great and he would recommend; a big box store will address his Council and Council #4 about a possible site on east 10th Avenue South; and his Council is planning another Neighborhood Watch recruitment event in January—everyone is welcome.

6. Carl Donovan reported his Council had concerns about traffic movement created by the proposed 216 unit Talus Apartments.
7. No delegate present.
8. Karen Grove reported her neighborhood has been quiet.
9. Jason Lehmann reported summer road work had impacted a couple of areas in his Council area, some burglaries had taken place, and he talked significantly about the City's sign code which will impact several business owners with compliance issues in 2015. Commission Burow and Craig Raymond joined the sign code discussion.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. **Neighborhood Concerns:** there were no concerns.

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

A motion and second were made to close the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Cadwell
Neighborhood Council Coordinator