

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #8
Transition Center, Woman's Annex
1019 15th St. N., Great Falls
February 16, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Karen Grove as we joined in the pledge to the flag. All council members were present: Karen Grove, Bill Boland, Robin Schreiner, Mike Brainard and Barbara Going. Community members in attendance were: Patty Cadwell, Christy Accetturo, Cloyd Grove and Paul Cory.

Minutes - MSC to approve the November 2016 minutes.

Reports:

March 16 will be the the next Police Advisory Committee meeting.

The next Council of Councils meeting is May 22, 2017.

At the City Council Meeting in February a city ordinance was passed which affects Neighborhood Councils. It states that any member who misses more than one-third (1/3) of the regular meetings in a calendar year without a health or medical excuse can be replaced by the City Commission.

New Business:

A letter to the Federal Bureau of Prisons was written in support of the Pre-Release Center by Chairman Karen Grove. She read the letter and asked if the members of the council would like to submit it as a group. **MSC:** We as members of Neighborhood Council #8 support the Pre-Release Center and would sign the letter. A copy of the letter is on file. Paul Cordy, Director of the Pre-Release Center, spoke of the concern for keeping the program in the community. Karen Grove, a Center board member spoke of all benefits of the program which has been here since 1983.

Karen Grove mentioned a concern about the city wanting the Children's Museum to move so that the space could be used for city offices. Karen indicated that the museum directors stated they did not want to move and we should spread this message if we heard conversation regarding this subject.

At the Work session of the March 7th City Commission meeting it is our Neighborhood Council's turn to share concerns. Bill Boland will be our representative at the meeting.

NeighborWorks will be organizing the May-April clean up efforts during the first two weekends in May. There are about five parks in our council area. If we decided to take the responsibility for Memorial Park, we need to contact NeighborWorks.

Barbara Going called attention to the flyer that had been sent by the city regarding the showing of "Chasing the Dragon". It will be at the Civic Center on Wednesday, March 1 at 6:30 PM.

MSC to adjourn at 6:50 PM.

Next meeting: March 16, 2017.

Barbara Going, Secretary