

Neighborhood Council #1
Meeting Minutes
14 March 2017

Members Present: Neal Dubois, David Foscue, Paul Warrick

Others Present: Patty Caldwell, Dave Nordel, and 10 community members. The meeting was held at Meadowlark School Library.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7PM.

Old Business:

Faith Lutheran Church -Information was presented that the outside work would be completed in 2-3 weeks and the project should be finished by June/July.

Grand Vista Park -Information was presented that the project is moving well. A Daddy/Daughter dance is being planned for May as a fundraiser.

New Business:

Dave Nordel, City of Great Falls Emergency Manager, briefed on the current status of emergency services in the area. He noted that the city has not had a disaster/emergency in 54 years. As a result many citizens have become complacent and are not prone to react to a disaster.

Other Business:

The next commission work session will be held on 4 April.

The MAPRIL cleanup campaign will be on the 6th and 13th of May, both days are Saturdays.

Petitions and Communications/Neighborhood Concerns

Four members of the community attended to ask the council's help in fixing major problems with Encino Drive. Photos were shown to illustrate the extremely poor condition of the street. A serious problem exists with frost heave and lack of drainage. Previous patchwork done by the city has not solved the problem which is worsening. Those concerned asked that their names be entered into the minutes.

Tim Forrester, 3012 Encino Drive, Ph-868-3787

Steve McCabe, 3006 Encono Drive, Ph-452-0573

Mark and Ashley Koch, 3019 Encino Drive, Ph-781-1415,868-7784

Patty Cadwell said she would relay these concerns to Jim Reardon, the city Chief of Public Works.

One resident relayed to the committee his concerns about trailers and other large vehicles being stored along the sidewalk on city streets. He was advised that the city will not respond until a complaint is made. Subsequently, the owner will be advised and if action is not taken, the city will tow the vehicle.

Residents from the El Paso Drive area attended to voice concerns about the proposed rezoning near the intersection of Fox Farm Road and 10th Avenue South. Their fear is that the proposed zoning change will eventually result in such businesses as casinos and car dealerships. It was noted that Neighborhood Council #1 considered this issue at the December meeting. At that time, no one had come forward to oppose the rezoning and accordingly the council voted to support it. Since that time, a number of businesses in the area as well as area residents have come out in opposition. Those concerned were advised that, in view of the time constraints, their best plan of action would be to attend the next city council meeting and voice their opposition.

Meeting was adjourned at 8PM.