

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #8
Transition Center, Woman's Annex
1019 15th St. N., Great Falls
April 20, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Chairman Karen Grove as we joined in the pledge to the flag. Council members present: Karen Grove, Bill Boland, Robin Schreiner, and Barbara Going. Council member Mike Brainard was absent. Community members in attendance were Patty Cadwell and Cody Grena, a high school student.

Minutes - MSC to approve the February 2017 minutes.

Reports:

Robin Schreiner stated that the March 16 Police Advisory meeting was primarily informational. 911 calls were coming in at a regular pace. Calls for SRO at schools was highest at the elementary schools with calls from the high schools being the lowest. Discussion followed on the lack of respect for authority.

Chairman Grove asked Robin Schreiner to thank his son Casey Schneider for speaking for the Pre-Release program at the legislative session. Our council had sent a letter in support of the program but it has been shut down across the United States.

Council #8 was represented at the March 7 work session of the City Commission by Bill Boland. He mentioned the condition of the alleys and both 4th and 6th St North have been graded. He also made note of the fact that our area has seven city parks. Don Johnson from Public Works had contacted him regarding the construction soon to begin on 8th Ave. between 18th St and 24th St. Bill asked that adequate advance signage be placed to help people plan detours in advance of the area since 8th is a heavily traveled street.

Other Business:

Bill Boland asked that we consider holding our neighborhood council meetings in another location as some neighbors have indicated they are uncomfortable traveling to the Pre-Release Center. Robin and the student visitor also indicated they had heard similar comments. This will be addressed at a future meeting when it is on the agenda. Karen mention that perhaps tours and education would be helpful.

Barb Going mentioned that the filing for candidates for Neighborhood Council potions is due June 19, 2017. We should contact people who might be interested in serving.

According to the changes to Neighborhood Council Ordinance, chapter 56, regarding excessive absences by elected members; one neighborhood council has already filed to have a member removed. Patti explained that the procedure involves the concerned neighborhood council sending a letter to the City Commissioners regarding a person's absences. The City Commissioners will then contact the delinquent person who can appear and defend him/herself. The City Commissioners will determine if the council member is terminated..

Barbara Going mentioned that the showing of "Chasing the Dragon" at the Civic Center in March filled the auditorium. It was on the Opioid epidemic and was shown in the three high schools as well.

Robin indicated there is an increase in crime in our neighborhood. People are encouraged to report these incidents.

MSC to adjourn at 6:40 PM.

Next meeting: May 18, 2017.

Barbara Going, Secretary