

Minutes of Neighborhood Council #2 meeting October 11, 2017 West Music Room

Meeting called to order @7PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A quorum was established with Chair Olson, Vice Chair Strickland, Secretary Patera, and Mr. Staley present.

Chair Olson encouraged neighbors and westside residents to consider serving on our council. This will be a featured agenda item for our Council and neighborhood.

The council and neighbors welcomed Officer Hunt to give a community neighborhood policing report. He encourages neighborhood residents to be vigilant and report suspicious activity.

Neighborhood Council 2-welcomed Sgt. Beecroft who presented the gang presentation. This included patches, rockers, and insignia. Sgt. Beecroft cautioned that motorcycle clubs and gangs in Great Falls are trying to engage in charitable giving and community volunteerism to often normalize gang activities and fund legal fees for members court cases

During Petition and Communications as well as neighborhood concerns, Mr. Staley addressed the community regarding changing community codes in favor of allowing city residents to conceal and carry guns along the Rivers Edge Trail. He encouraged community and council members to attend the next commission meeting which will occur on October 17, 2017. Patty said that community members could speak on items not on the agenda near the start of the meeting. Sandy Rice, of the Downtown Safety Alliance, described Coins for a Cause and other community efforts to assist regarding panhandling.

New Business:

Approval of September minutes was unanimous following requests that the September minutes reflect not only date correct but also the fact that the Police Advisory Board did meet.

Council of Councils will meet October 24, 2017. There is one agenda item the Rocky Mountain Building. Ms. Cadwell is seeking agenda items. Secretary Patera will be Council of Council representative for Neighborhood Council 2.

Committee issues: 6th Street Corner:

There was no report.

Westside Food District: No report Chair Olson will contact Sandy Mares regarding the new community representative of the Westside Flood District .

Meeting adjourned 8:15 P.M.