

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #8
Transition Center-Women's Annex
1019 15th St. N. - Great Falls
October 15, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Karen Grove as we joined in the pledge to the flag. Council members present: Karen Grove, Robin Schreiner and Barbara Going. Absent members were: Mike Brainard and Bill Boland. Bill Boland was an excused absence. Community members in attendance were Patty Cadwell, Corky Grove, Laura Hodges, Mary Sheehy Moe and Mike Fleming.

Minutes: MSC to approve the September minutes.

Reports:

Police Advisory Board: There was no report from the last meeting as Robin was not able to attend due to illness.

New Business:

Community Policing: Although on vacation, Officer Mike Fleming came to give a Quarterly report on District #8 police activity. There were 423 incidents with traffic being the highest volume and suspicious activity the second highest. Police department is still having difficulty with radio issues and man power. If eight men are out on a shift that is a good day. Questions for Mike related mainly to vehicle parking rules and drug issues in Great Falls.

Regarding vehicles: Parking on your own property is best and pads for camping vehicles is advised. There is a restricted number of days a camping vehicle can be parked on the street.

Drugs are a huge problem. We have the biggest drug task force in the state. High meth problem and heroin is here to stay. Heroin issues use to be measured by the ounce, now the amount is in pounds. Fentanyl is super strong (3x that of heroin). Officers now have Narcan in vehicles, for police safety, as fentanyl can be inhaled in a raid. 80% of police time is spent dealing with 20% of the population.

Candidate for City Commisioner: Mary Sheehy Moe came to share her views and distribute cards promoting her experience. The Economic Development Levy she feels is important to get the city moving forward. She stressed the need to have a positive attitude about the future of Great Falls.

October 24, 2017 was to be the next Council of Councils meeting but it has been canceled.

MSC to not hold a November or December meeting of our Neighborhood Council #8 unless there is an urgent need. We normally do not meet in December and are adding the November cancellation this year.

MSC to adjourn at 6:55 PM.

Next meeting: January 18, 2018.

Barbara Going, Secretary