

MEETING MINUTES
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2
Wednesday, February 14, 2018
West Elementary Library
7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A quorum was established with Shyla Patera, Ron Staley and Elizabeth McBride. We were also joined by Patty Cadwell. Absent from the meeting was Brittany Olson and Sue Ann Strickland. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence for Phillis Hemstead.

NEW BUSINESS

- Holman Properties subdivision request- Lyle Meeks presented the proposal of the Buffalo Crossing Subdivision which will split the land in 6 usable lots that are already zoned M2. This will allow multiple higher end occupants for use of the property ranging from possible restaurants and specialty retail to possible residential use.
 - Susan Hilstrom rose concerns about the types of buildings going into the lots because she'd rather not see some trashy looking buildings but something similar and uniform that compares to the town of Bozeman.
 - Brett Doney from the Great Falls Montana Development Authority discussed how TIF funds could possibly be used for improvements in the area
 - Patty Cadwell explained how the process of the development of this property works. This is the first step of the citizens giving their input and being involved in the process. The next stage is a similar presentation to the Planning Board on Feb. 27th at 3pm at the Civic Center.
 - Ron Staley asked how the sizes of the lots were determined. Lyle explained that they didn't want any lot to be too long and skinny and that the Rivers Edge Trail helped determined the lot sizes.
 - Shyla Patera raised concerns due to the fact that there has been a lot of talk in the past about the development of this property and nothing has really come of it in the past. Lyle responded that the subdividing of the property instead of selling as a whole will help to move the project along.

Chair Staley motioned for the Council to support the subdivision request. Secretary McBride seconded the motion. The vote to support failed with Staley and McBride voting in support and Patera abstaining from the vote due to not having enough information about what would actually develop there. The vote passed with the majority of the Quorum.

OTHER BUSINESS

- City Commission Work Session – The only available work session available before summer break is March 6th. Shyla Patera agreed to attend and discuss the recent action of the council.
- Patty informed the council that after she drafted the letter to the city attorney concerning the 2311 4th Ave SW, the city has indeed taken action.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- House District 22 representative, Lola Galloway, encourages Great Falls to talk more about the emergency services protocol for the West Side in the event of a disaster. Shyla Patera mentioned the Vigilant Guard exercise occurring March 2nd-7th which will be a mock emergency for community leader preparedness.
- Susan Hilstrom voiced several concerns about her neighborhood and more specifically 6th st SW.
 - There has been increased speeding traffic on the road perhaps due to the lack of signage.
 - Also, concerns about using the crosswalk to cross that busy road due to traffic not being vigilant and allowing pedestrians the right of way. She suggests perhaps painting the crosswalks.
 - Excessive noise from exhaust also present on the street due to a noise ordinance not being enforced.
 - And lastly, expressed her disapproval of the allowance of fireworks during the 4th of July holiday.

OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of January 2018 and October 2016 minutes – The Council approved the minutes unanimously.

- Approval/Signing of Bylaws – Miss Patera discovered a discrepancy with the use of “secret” ballot in the bylaws. Patty will correct the wordage and the Council will sign bylaws next month.
- Committee reports
 - West Side Flooding District – Patty will try to find Sandy Mares phone number to contact her concerning this topic.
 - No reports presented on the 6th St SW crossing.
 - Council of Council Meeting – Shyla Patera attended the meeting in January. Patty will print the minutes and give them to the council next month

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Ron Staley requested that minutes be emailed sooner to allow more time to review them before the next meeting. Patty Requests that they be emailed to her by the Thursday before the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 14th, 2018 at 7:00 pm.