

Neighborhood Council 9

Thursday, March 8, 2018

1st Church of the Nazarene, 1727 2nd Ave. South

Barney Danishefsky Presiding.

Council Members present: Barney Danishefsky, Shannon Wilson, Jeff Lauver, Karen Gray and Scott Miranti.

7:00 PM meeting called to order by Barney Danishefsky.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

New Business:

- Community Block Grant Process: Maria Porter.
 - Federally funded program with the aim of helping the low-income people in the community. Distributed surveys to help determine the best use of the funds. Barney added that one of the lowest income areas in the city is just west of GFHS.
- Proposed Park District: Steve Herrig
 - Discussed what the parks department maintains. Current funding levels cannot cover all the current expenses. Scott Miranti and Shannon Wilson asked questions regarding ease of passage and the Natatorium. Showed photographs of the current state of facilities. Judy White brought up the development of Kranz Park.
- Mayor Bob Kelly spoke to why the school district and the park district levies are both on the ballot in May. The state legislature has forced the issue, was not the city or the school district's decision. Councilwoman Mary Moe also spoke to the issue and passed out some flyers for the park district levy.
- Great Falls High School Renovation: Tammy Lacey and others
 - Introduced the issues that surround GFHS renovations including parking. Drop off zones at the new HUB Connector should eliminate some congestion. Currently the school is short about 82 parking spaces. The issues at the end of the school day with pick-up were discussed. Construction begins summer of 2018. With entrances reduced to two (on West and East ends of the HUB Connector), the neighborhood should see a shift in where the students want to park in relation to how quickly they can reach an entrance.
 - Kranz Park – school district would like to acquire or lease part of Kranz Park for additional parking. A cooperative deal was

discussed that would allow for the parking and the development of the remainder of Kranz Park as an all-inclusive playground.

Old Business:

- February meeting minutes read and approved. Scott motioned, Barney seconded.

Other Business:

- Mapril Clean-up: litter issues around GFHS. Scott motioned to table this matter until the April meeting and Shannon seconded – unanimously approved.
- March 20 City Council Work session: Barney is attending and will read a prepared statement on behalf of Council #9. Scott motioned and Jeff seconded. Judy White commented that 2/3 of a developed park is better than an undeveloped park. Unanimously approved.

Neighborhood Concerns:

- None

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

- Scott motioned to adjourn and Shannon seconded. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Gray