

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #5
Monday, March 19, 2018 – 7:00 pm
Great Falls Clinic Specialty Center, 3000 15th Ave So

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Ray at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Terry Albrecht, Eric Ray and Marcia Anderson. Members absent: Gloria Bedker was out of town and Pat Bolton was ill. There were 16 neighbors present including Park and Rec Director Steve Herrig and Janel Krezowski from Community Gardens.

NEW BUSINESS:

Park and Rec Director Steve Herrig presented the plan for the Park District.

\$12.6 million in deferred maintenance. It is recommended that we have 38.7 employees. We currently have 23.5 employees, 8 park laborers, irrigation systems updated, trees trimmed 4 – 7 years, currently 30 – 35 years, a foreman and two arborists.

Solutions: Park District, promote public/private partnerships, private donations, identify park facilities or services to be resolved or eliminated, possible sale or park land. \$1.91/month on \$100,000 home. The money may not be used for programming.

If the Park District is not approved: Delay in ADA improvements, decrease in park maintenance, abandon trails and basketball courts, playground equipment. Shelters lost, increase labor costs without irrigation system, sale of park land, and delayed tree trimming schedule.

The election is May 8. Check the park Master Plan on the city website. Hearings will be on March 27 and April 26. Mary Moe and Katy Kotinski can be contacted for information.

Jean Altoff expressed concern about dogs off leash in the park and the use of expandable leashes. These are not safe. Park use is supposed to be from dawn to dusk.

Janel Krezowski gave a presentation on the Community Gardens. River City Harvest has a garden at Park Place Community Gardens. There are currently five gardens. The produce is given to Salvation Army for needy families. And they need a manager.

At Park Place there are 55 plots, with water and tools provided. There is a herb garden available for free to everyone. They have a Serenity Garden and gazebo. May pave a path through the garden. There are five 300 sq. ft. plots available at \$15/year, \$25 for cultivating and \$40 for cleaning up
Contact Janel at 453-1155.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There was no School Board Representative for information on the upcoming election.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve Minutes: The minutes were read and approved on a motion by Terry and second by Marcia.

Reports: May April clean-up will be May 5th at 10:00.

Police Advisory Board – NA

City Commission Work Session – Tuesday, March 20 at 5:30. We have 15 minutes to present issues and concerns. We need to get appropriate information from the city. What is going on in the East End?

NEXT MEETING – April 16, 2018. City Legal – Assistant City Attorney Joe Cik
Cascade County Sheriff candidate introduction – Bob Rosipal.

ADJOURN The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Marcia and second by Terry.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Anderson, Secretary