

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #8
Transition Center-Women's Annex
1019 15th St. N. - Great Falls
Thursday, May 17, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Steve Grout in the absence of chairman Karen Grove as we joined in the pledge to the flag. Council members present: Barbara Going, Mike Brainard, Donna Williams and Steven Grout. Absent due to a declared commitment was Karen Grove. Community members present were: Michael Cooper, Tanya Houston and two children, one student from GFHS, seven students from CMR and one parent from the CMR student group, Eliesia Ramirez. The members of the Council introduced themselves and the introductions continued around the table. Total attendance was 17.

Minutes: MSC to approve the April 2018 minutes.

Committee Reports:

Police Advisory Committee: Donna Williams indicated that this committee only meets every other month so there is no report. It should be listed on the agenda every other month. She will be leaving this meeting early to attend the Police Advisory Committee meeting this evening.

New Business:

City-County Health Department: Tanya Houston, Health Officer, explained the work of the Cascade City-County Health Department. She used the 2017 Annual Report as a guide for her presentation. She indicated her role as Health Officer is that she is commissioned to protect the people. The mission of CCHD is: "...to be a responsible agency that strives to prevent disease and illness, ensure a healthy environment, promote healthy choices, and deliver quality devices to all in Cascade County." Tanya answered questions and explained the main difference between the CCHS and the Community Health Care-Center. CCHD deals with disease, the Community Health Care-Center is school based.

Other Business:

The June meeting was listed on the agenda and Steve asked what we needed to do. Barbara explained that we usually plan the ice cream social at the June meeting and we would not have July or August meetings. The Ice Cream Social for the past two years has been in August following the state fair, usually on a Thursday evening. Steve asked how it was funded since we have no finances. A brief explanation of donations of ice cream and contributions by the council members was shared. It was stressed that the ice cream social was extended to all not just those in our area.

The subject of the ice cream social brought questions regarding our council area and the laminated wall map provided a good visual for the boundaries. This also created a discussion of the number of councils and that the five members were elected for a two year term being sworn in as city officials. It also provided opportunity to explain our responsibilities regarding the issues members of the community might bring to our attention.

MSC to adjourn at 6:59 PM.

Next meeting: June 21, 2018.

Barbara Going, Secretary