

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #8**  
**Transition Center-Women's Annex**  
**1019 15<sup>th</sup> St. N. - Great Falls**  
**Thursday, November 15, 2018**

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Steve Grout who was acting chairman due to Karen Grove's excused absence. We began with the pledge to the flag. Council members present: Barbara Going, Donna Williams and Steven Grout. Mike Brainard was absent. Community member was Patty Cadwell.

**Minutes:** Following a discussion on whether a person absent from a meeting could vote to approve the minutes, it was **MSC** to approve the October 2018 minutes. Patty indicated that if we have any concerns like this we should contact Lisa Kunz, the city clerk for an official answer. Steve Grout asked that the minutes indicate that Mike Brainard has missed four meetings this year and came at 7 PM for two meetings.

**Old Business:** There was a Council of Councils meeting in the past month and Karen did attend. Since she is absent we will hear the report at our January 2019 meeting.

Regarding the traffic concerns on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. North; Steven Grout did talk to Rachel Dallie, of the Record and Bureau management. There are actually fewer accidents on these street than the other one-way streets in the area. (25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> North as well as 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> North.) Patty Cadwell indicated that Jerry McKinley, 771-1401, would be the person to contact with any further discussion about 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> North as these avenues are state highways. At this time there is no reason to proceed any further.

**New Business:** There was no community police report tonight as Officer Meek was not able to attend due to a shortage of staff; he was on patrol. The subject of the Police Advisory Board was discussed since there have been no meetings. These meetings are temporarily on hold. Patty indicated that The Police Advisory Board would have to be dissolved by the City Commission.

Fire pit rules were printed following a concern by a resident at the last meeting. Metal or Ceramic fireplaces can be used following the manufacturers instructions.

The rules are found online at [HTTP://greatfallsmt.net/fire/backyard-fireplaces](http://greatfallsmt.net/fire/backyard-fireplaces).

It was decided that we would not meet in December which has been our neighborhood council policy. If something urgent comes up a meeting can be called.

**Council Comments:** A letter had been received late this afternoon from Patty Cadwell regarding her retirement effective today, November 15, 2018. Patty shared her thoughts regarding her decision. Barbara Going asked if she would explain to the new members the health issues with which she has dealt with during the past three years, which she did. Patty is retiring following 14 years of service. Steve thanked her for the years of helpful service and we encouraged her to join us regularly, as she is a resident of Neighborhood Council #8.

Since there was no further business, Steve adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Immediately following adjournment John and Monica Hassner, neighborhood residents, arrived after a school parent-teacher conference. They were given a copy of the minutes and told the date of the next meeting.

**Next meeting:** January 17, 2019.

Barbara Going, Secretary

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