

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #8
Transition Center-Women's Annex
1019 15th St. N. - Great Falls
Thursday, January 17, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by chairman Karen Grove. We began with the pledge to the flag. Council members present: Donna Williams, Steven Grout, Mike Brainard and Barbara Going. Community members in attendance were: Alonzo Rand, Teresa Appelwick, Amy Hasbrouck, Jacob Memurbry, Corky Grove, Hallie Larsen, Morgan Zuidema, and Chuck Anderson. Introductions were made. Students were present from GFHS and CMR.

Minutes: MSC to approve the November 2018 minutes.

Old Business: There will be a Council of Councils meeting later this month.

Regarding the traffic concerns on 1st and 2nd Ave. North, Steven Grout reviewed some of the previous findings. According to our bylaws we were to have held election of officers in January but it was rescheduled for our February meeting since it is not on this month's agenda.

New Business:

Chuck Anderson represented Krista Artis who is the acting Neighborhood Council Manager. A retirement party will be scheduled for Patty Cadwell in February. The date will be determined at the January Council of Councils meeting. It was originally scheduled for mid December but Patty asked that it be held at a later date. Patty retired in November 2018 having served as the Neighborhood Council Coordinator for 19 years. The job description is being rewritten to be the city's messaging center. This will be a full time position and Neighborhood Council Manager will be a part of the job. The new title will be the City Communication Specialist. Forty plus applicants have been received for this position.

Council Comments:

A comment was made regarding the desire of this council to continue police reports at our meetings. It was suggested that this be stated at the next Council of Councils meeting. A discussion ensued regarding the Police Advisory Board that has not been meeting. This is another topic to be brought before the Council of Councils.

A member attending the meeting asked why this neighborhood council met at the Transition Center. The response was that the facility had been offered as a meeting place. It was suggested that signage be made to indicate how to find the meeting area. Mike Brainard offered to make two "sandwich board" signs. One to be placed on the corner of 15th ST and 10th Ave N. and one in front of the entrance to use for the meeting. These would be placed on the street the evening of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Next meeting: February 21, 2019.

Barbara Going, Secretary