

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #8
Transition Center-Women's Annex
1019 15th St. N. - Great Falls
Thursday, February 21, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 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, Chuck Anderson and Lanni Klasner.

Minutes: MSC to approve the January 2019 minutes.

Old Business:

Council of Councils report: Karen Grove gave a complete report. The Council now has elected officers. Police Chief Bowen did discuss the continuation of a police liason coming to Neighborhood Councils once a quarter and having statistics online that we could peruse. The police advisory board as we have known it will no longer exist. Regarding the recently completed grant survey, there will be a briefing at the commission meeting on the 19th. Minutes of the Council of Councils quarterly meetings will be posted online.

New Business:

Election of officers: Current officers were re-elected to continue serving in their respective positions. Chairman: Karen Grove; Secretary, Barbara Going; Delegate, Steven Grout.

Signage for our meeting place was reviewed. We had determined that we would like two sandwich board type signs one for the entry to the building where we meet and one placed on the corner of 10th Ave. North and 15th Street to help with the meeting location. Karen will speak with Paul about this at the next board meeting of the Pre-Release Center. Mike Brainard is willing to make the signs with specific directions. The signs would only be put out the day of the meeting and Steven Grout offered to take that responsibility. It will be determined if the signs can be stored here at the Center.

The new City Communication Specialist, Lanni Klasner, was introduced and she explained her background and some thoughts regarding her new position. This was her first neighborhood council meeting. She mentioned ways she would try to get information of concern to people quickly. Alonzo Rand asked if Great Falls had an app. Not at this point but it is something to consider. Lanni stated that Sandy Rice from NC #6 has a program regarding "setting goals". She is willing to share her goal setting strategies with other councils. We agreed that this would be a good agenda item for our March meeting. Steven Grout brought up our opportunity to speak to the Work Session of the City Commission. NC #8 requested the April 2nd date.

Council Comments:

Steve Grout had a question regarding protocol. If we receive a concern from a citizen, can we vote on it at the current meeting or does it have to be an agenda item at the next meeting before it can be brought before the City Commission. The answer was it can be handled at the meeting in which it was discussed.

Alonzo Rand brought an issue regarding parking by neighbor's guests in his driveway on 2nd Ave. N. He was directed to locate the city code on parking and check with the city. Another concern he had was the sound of revved up cars or trucks on 2nd. He was directed to note how often it happens and since he has brought it to the neighborhood council, the next step would be to contact the police or perhaps speak up at a City Commission Work Session.

It was noted that Patty Cadwell's funeral is at 2 PM this Saturday, February 23 at O'Connor's Funeral Parlor. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM. **Next meeting:** March 21, 2019.

Barbara Going, Secretary