

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #8
Transition Center-Women's Annex
1019 15th St. N. - Great Falls
Thursday, April 18, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Steven Grout. We began with the pledge to the flag. Other council members present were: Donna Williams and Barbara Going. Excused absences were Karen Grove and Mike Brainard. (Barbara previously requested permission to leave the meeting at 6:45 since it was Maundy Thursday.) Community members in attendance: Lanni Klasner, Katy Caldwell and Elisa Navarette. This was the first meeting for both Katy and Elisa.

Minutes: MSC to approve the March 2019 Minutes with a correction to the last name of student Charles Laverdune to Laverdure.

Old Business:

Steve Grout distributed a summary of his report to the City Commissioners at their work session on April 2nd. He reviewed what we received in printed form.

New Business:

Lanni Klasner, distributed a brochure indicating it was time to consider running for election of city officials and council members. She shared that Bill Bronson's seat on the city commission was an open position as he is not seeking reelection. Tracy Houck has not yet declared if she will seek another term. Mayor Kelly will seek another term.

Neighborhood Concerns:

Katy Caldwell, 1524 4th Ave. N., came with a neighborhood situation for which she was seeking help and direction. She brought to our attention the situation of a loose dog/postal delivery issue that we were made aware of during the summer of 2018. Katy is new to this neighborhood but was concerned that a loose dog in the vicinity of 4th Ave. N. and 15th and 16th Street N is causing the post office to put a cluster box for mail delivery rather than go house to house. From January to April 2019, the residents have had to go to the post office to retrieve their mail due to this loose dog that had been previously reported.

Due to the previous reporting on this issue Donna had a complaint form that neighbors could fill out to give to animal control. Katy will approach people in the area to see if they are willing to fill out a formal complaint. It was also mentioned that having proof of the loose dog on video or a photograph would be vital in bringing the issue to the city for help in alleviating the problem.

It was determined that if proof was obtained the situation could be presented to the city commissioners with the hope that mail delivery could be resumed without the need for a cluster box. The next city council meeting is May 7th.

Elisa Navarette, 2705 4th Ave. N., the president of Giant Springs PTA, shared the news of a Spring Carnival that will be held at Giant Springs Elementary on May 3rd. The PTA is looking for groups who could provide activities for the children and to make us aware of the event. They plan to make it an annual event.

Council Comments:

Donna Williams shared that Saturday, May 4th is the date for the MApril Clean up for interested participants. Donna mentioned that she has a recycling presentation she would like to present at a council meeting. It was decided to have this at the June meeting since we have two presentations scheduled for the May meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM. **Next meeting:** May 16, 2019.

Barbara Going, Secretary