

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #5
Monday, April 15, 2019 – 7:00 pm
Great Falls Clinic Specialty Center, 3000 15th Ave So

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Ray at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Pat Bolton, Terry Albrecht, Eric Ray, and Marcia Anderson. There were 20 neighbors present including Joe Hansen and Sierra Smith, MSU interns and Animal Control Officer Alisa Ethridge.

NEW BUSINESS: Joe Hansen and Sierra Smith, MSU interns gave a presentation on Prison reform and the major causes of crime in Montana and the US are drug, mental health, and substance abuse. If we treat these things, there is less reason to have people in prison. They cited the book “ Insane” by Alisa Roth on America’s Criminal Treatment of Mental Illness. They urged us to call our legislators to make Montana a model for the country/ We need to work on rectifying the breakdown of the family unit.

Animal Control Officer Alisa Ethridge talked about the ordinances concerning pets in the community. There were over 2600 calls in 2018 concerning strays, and/or dangerous animals in the city limits, animal bites and cruelty to animals.. There is a company called Varmint Nabbers to deal with bats and other nuisances. They have a website.

Janelle Krezowski gave a report on the community garden, River City Harvest.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Noxious weeds in the area. Zadicks sprayed for weeds on their property. If there are weeds in the alley at your property, they are your responsibility. The City will do nothing about the gophers. Wheat Ridge is suing the City.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve Minutes: The minutes were read and approved on a motion by Terry and second by Pat.

Reports: The memorial in the park for Gloria will consist of a bench and two trees and a plaque.

The May-April cleanup in Russell Park will be Saturday, May 11, from 10:00 to noon. Marcia will send reminders.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Lanni Klasner reported on the procedure to replace Gloria on the Council. We can appoint a person for the rest of the year. The person must be a registered voter and a resident of the neighborhood.

Madison Food Park is interested in locating in Choteau.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting will be Monday, May 20.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 on a motion by Marcia and second by Terry.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Anderson, Secretary