

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #5

Monday, May 20, 2019

– 7:00 pm

Great Falls Clinic Specialty Center, 3000 15<sup>th</sup> 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, Tom Kotynski, and Marcia Anderson. There were 26 neighbors present

**NEW BUSINESS:** Tom Kotynski was introduced as Gloria's replacement.

Jim Porter gave an update on Highland Cemetery. There are lights on the flags, new flag poles. The Red Horse Squadron installed them. Donors include Calumet, Scheels, United Way and Montana Elastomers.

The field east of Walmart and its continued violation of city code was discussed by Craig Raymond from the city and Dan Huestis from Kyso. The Legal Department of Walmart in Bentonville will be good neighbors and have Landscape Management to keep it clean and a fence will be installed to catch some of the waste. Trash bins where the truckers park could help to contain the waste. Bags, Pallet wrap and more garbage receptacles will help alleviate the problem. Craig Raymond would like to meet with the Legal Department when they are here.

Sandy Rice, Downtown Safety Alliance, talked about what they are trying to do to improve the downtown area. Suggestions are: don't give money to panhandlers, give to coins for a cause. Collection boxes are in stores and on the 300 and 400 blocks of Central Avenue. They have created a new TV ad about the topic. She suggested we sign up for Code Red to be informed about what is going on in our area. She gave us a list for whom to call in various situations. Call about pot holes and they get fixed. There is a citizen's complaint form on the city website (GFMT.net). Her Neighborhood Council has gone through a visioning process and set goals. A suggested speaker is Shane Estweiler. There will be two volunteers for the Police Department working from April to October.

## **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Reports: We had several people help with the May April park clean up. The tennis courts were cleaned thoroughly, gopher holes were filled. There is one dead tree. Park and Rec will install a bench and trees honoring Gloria and the bench at the Gazebo will have a plaque honoring Don's parents along with a new tree.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**NEXT MEETING** – June 17, 2019. We will elect a vice chairman.

**ADJOURN** The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 on a motion by Pat and second by Terry.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Anderson, Secretary