

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Karen Grove. We began with the pledge to the flag. Other council members present were: Steve Grout, Donna Williams, Michael Brainard and Barbara Going. Community members in attendance: Lanni Klasner, Corky Grove, Travis Grove, Cody Schoonover, Kristen Laverdure, Mackenzie Laverdure, Thomas Figarelle and young son Benjamin, Lisa Meyers, Sandy Rice, Jason Kindswatter and Amarice Jenkins. Of those in attendance there were three newly elected council members, three students, one parent and two guests from Neighborhood Council #7. Introduction of council members and those in attendance preceded the business on the agenda.

Minutes: MSC to approve the minutes of the September 2019 meeting.

New Business:

Thomas Figarelle, the Executive Director of the Russell Museum, shared the Statement of Intent for a Campus Expansion to the Museum. The plan to expand across 5th Ave. N is in the initial stages and was explained to our council and council #7 to encourage awareness and dialogue. As the planning process begins, four initial requests have been made to the City of Great Falls and are pending action. A printed memorandum of both the near-term and the long-term concepts was distributed.

Resolution 2019-001 from Neighborhood Council #5 was received too late to be included as an action item at this meeting but will be on the January 16, 2020 agenda.

Karen Grove gave a summary of the topics covered at the last Council of Councils. Recycling is a big concern and the cost of implementing an effective neighborhood approach has not been found. It is very costly to move products out of Great Falls so perhaps even cardboard will not be recycled. Various councils held ice cream socials that were well received. There is new software program coming to the police department. Crimes of vandalism and small thefts continue to increase.

Neighborhood Concerns-Comments:

- On December 17 at 5 PM at the Civic Center the newly elected neighborhood council members will be sworn in.
- In January, the 2020 City Academy 101 will begin. There will be six sessions, one each month on the fourth Wednesday at 6:45 PM. There will be more information on this from Lanni Klasner.
- Donna shared that the People's Park and Rec Foundation has a plant a tree program. This raises money for fireworks. The form is online at <peoplesparkandrec.com.>
- At the January meeting there will be election of council officers for the next biennium.
- There is no December meeting for Council #8.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Next meeting: January 16, 2020.

Barbara Going, Secretary