

Neighborhood Council 9

Thursday, February 11, 2021

First Church of the Nazarene: 1727 2nd Ave. South

Barney Danishefsky Presiding.

Council Members Present: Barney Danishefsky, Karen Gray, Jeff Lauver, and Shannon Wilson

Council Members Absent: Scott Miranti.

7:01 PM meeting called to order by Barney Danishefsky.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Old Business:

- October meeting minutes read. Shannon motioned and Jeff seconded. Public was asked to comment: none. Unanimously approved.

Other Business:

- GFPD Police Chief Bowen has announced his retirement. Greg Doyon discussed his process to hire a new chief. Scott Miranti will be on the advisory board.

New Business:

- Election of Officers: Same as 2020: Shannon motioned to retain and Jeff seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Indoor Aquatics & Rec Center Project: Greg Doyon opened and introduced the presenters. Great Falls received \$10 million grant to fund the project. The original site was not feasible. Malmstrom AFB suggested Lions park for accessibility. The geo studies say that it is a good site for the project. Danielle Grebe provided a timeline for permitting and construction. A video presentation was explained to show the orientation on the streets and park and what the finished construction would look like. Jeff asked about traffic flow: traffic light at 29th and 10th? Erin Borland said that planning is already discussing it with MDT. Barney asked about operating hours since parks are supposed to close at sundown. Jeff brought up lighting, and the lighting codes are dark sky friendly. Shannon asked about energy saving designs to keep costs down for the city. Barney has contacted the traffic department and there will be studies done before and after construction. Several neighbors including Eric Webster suggested that the parking and access be moved to 10th Avenue South. David Saslav asked about busing hours and routes. Patty Reardon responded that nothing has been mentioned to the transit department. Barney suggested we invite the transit department to attend a future council meeting. Several neighbors asked if the construction contracts can have stipulations to not use 8th Avenue S.

New Business, Continued:

- Erin Borland from the City Planning Department spoke about the conditional use permit for Lions Park and the Indoor Aquatics and Recreation Facility. The City will aggregate the park into one parcel as the process goes on. Erin asked the council to vote on the conditional use permit. Shannon asked how we will be kept informed during process and Erin replied that we will be kept in the loop. Barney made a motion for approval of the conditional use permit. Shannon seconded. The discussion was brief and all positive. Vote was unanimous for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

- Karen motioned to adjourn. Shannon seconded. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Gray