

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #8**  
**Transition Center-Women's Annex**  
**1019 15<sup>th</sup> St N. Great Falls**  
**Thursday, March 18, 2021**

Council Members Present: Travis Grove, Katherine Caldwell, Johnnie Scott, Michael Brainard, Karen Grove  
Council Members Absent: None

Community Members Present: Corky Grove, Amy Truong, Justin Campos, Nicole Girten

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Karen Grove. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

**Old Business:**

- October 15, 2020 minutes were presented. Johnny Scott moved to accept as presented. Mike Brainard seconded. Motion passed.
- Current status of the Facebook Page was presented. It is posting the minutes and city information. It is looking for pictures of the neighborhood and activities.

**New Business:**

- C.M. Russell Museum Campus expansion update was presented by Justin Campos. There will be a groundbreaking ceremony on March 19 and they plan to be done by July 2021, in time for a scaled down auction event held on the grounds itself.
- Little Free Library update was presented by Amy Truong. There will be new boxes set up this summer. The new boxes have a 10-year life. Karen Grove made a motion to purchase a Little Free Library for Memorial Park using the funds raised from previous ice cream socials. Current balance in the account is \$471.17 and the cost of the box is about \$500. Mike Brainard amended the motion with the investigation to see if a post could be provided free of charge, reducing the overall cost of the structure. Park and Rec would have to install the box, and they will be installing the other ones throughout the summer. Johnny Scott 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

**Other Business:**

- Election of officers:
  - Mike Brainard nominated Karen Grove for Chair. Travis Grove seconded. Motion passed.
  - Karen Grove nominated Johnny for Vice Chair. Mike Brainard seconded. Motion passed.
  - Karen Grove nominated Katy Caldwell for Secretary; Mike Brainard seconded. Motion passed.
  - Johnny Scott nominated Travis Grove for official delegate. Mike Brainard seconded. Motion passed.
- GFPD Chief Interview Questions: Karen Grove will be NC#8 representative. The question would be about the level of community involvement and contact they would initiate. Previous departments had monthly contact with the councils and what would their attitude be about budgeting for this again in the future.

**Petitions and Communications:**

- Nicole Girten is a new employee of the Great Falls Tribune and will be writing up activity and reports of council meetings. Her contact information is [ngirten@greatfallstribune.com](mailto:ngirten@greatfallstribune.com)

**Neighborhood Council:**

- 2021 Municipal Election Filing is April 22 – June 21.
- NeighborWorks CommUnity Cleanup – May 5-8
- Next meeting is April 15, 2021

Michael Brainard made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Johnny Scott seconded. Motion passed.

**Adjourned at 7:05**