

MEETINGS MINUTES

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2

Wednesday, February 10th, 2021

Great Falls Civic Center Gibson Room

7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A quorum was established with Chair Shyla Patera, Vice Chair Tim Croft, and Secretary Frank Speidel as present. Member Elizabeth McBride was not present. Ms. Lanni Klasner Communications Specialist for the City of Great Falls was also present. Visitors include Great Falls Tribune Government Watchdog reporter Nicole Girten, and high school students Bridger Debolt, Brooke Suden, Madison Allen, and Aspen Clewley.

OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of January 2020 minutes – Vice Chair Tim Croft motioned to approve the minutes. Secretary Frank Speidel motioned to make four corrections. Vice Chair Tim Croft seconded the motion to make the corrections. The Council unanimously approved the minutes with the four correction.
- Vision and Goal setting discussion i.e. sidewalks, traffic around the schools, nuisance housing, and keeping neighbors abreast of what is going on – ongoing.
- The Council continues to work on by-laws for adoption – ongoing.
- The Council continues looking for a meeting place within the Councils district – ongoing.
- The Council continues to recruit membership – ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS

- Council Facebook – Lanni Klasner explained the city requirements, guidelines and commitments of establishing a Neighborhood Facebook page. Secretary Frank Speidel motioned that the council create a Neighborhood Facebook page. Vice Chair Tim Croft seconded the motion. The Council unanimously approved the motion. Chair Shyla Patera and Secretary Frank Speidel will be the administrators of the page. Lanni Klasner will send both Chair Patera and Secretary Speidel the forms.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Neighborhood Concerns: None.

OTHER BUSINESS

- City manager Doyon has requested Neighborhood Councils to come up with questions, thoughts or ideas for the interview of the new GFPD Police Chief. Chair Shyla Patera

requests members email her two questions about issues within our council district or community wide for the new GFPD Police Chief interview. Lanni Klasner suggested having the questions ready by the end of March.

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- Chair Shyla Patera reported a follow up to the little libraries. The library will be ordering some little free libraries to replace the old ones. They are also looking to expand the program out. If the council would like an additional little library, we would have to support the installation by fund raising. The new little libraries are built to last.
- Chair Shyla Patera advises that the Flood District election will be in March.
- Chair Shyla Patera advises that the Transportation Improvement Plan is out for public comment.
- Public Safety meeting in March – TBD. Lanni Klasner will advise.
- Vice Chair Tim Croft reports Fire Station 4 is getting close to reopening. Lanni Klasner will forward the update by Chief Jones or Council 1 to Council 2.
- Lanni Klasner reports that there is a request that the Community Development Block Grant come to the March meeting to present their 2021 Community Action Plan. Council 2 falls within their service area. The council accepted.
- Chair Shyla Patera suggested in that in the future we have the Cascade County Health Department come and give us or email an update on the virus, vaccination progress and status.

ADJOURNMENT

- Chair Shyla Patera requested a motion to adjourn. Secretary Frank Speidel made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Tim Croft seconded the motion to adjourn. The Council unanimously approved the motion to adjourn at 7:41 pm. The next Neighborhood Council #2 meeting will be at 7:00 pm on March 10th, 2021 in the Great Falls Civic Center Gibson Room.