

## MEETINGS MINUTES

### NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2

Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Great Falls West Elementary School Library

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. Visitors include Jesse Patton (Interim City Engineer), Paul Skubinna (Public Works Director), Aron Krischel, Alicia Bernier, Della Saunders, Felicia Saunders, Adelyn Auo, Griffin Becker, and Camryn Imlay

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of June Minutes
  - Vice Chair Croft made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. Secretary Speidel seconded the motion. The Council unanimously approved the June 2021 meeting minutes.
- Jesse Patton (Interim City Engineer) and Paul Skubinna (Public Works Director), gave an update to the Southwest Side water main replacement and the upcoming street reconstruction project
  - Three parts to the project. Water main replacement has started. Main contractor is Central Heating and Plumbing. Tree removal part of the project is anticipated for the fall. Last part of the project is the street reconstruction. So far, they have encountered 2 non-copper lines and notices have been sent to the property owners. In the City of Great Falls, the property owners are responsible for the water service from the main to their property. With Covid, and hurricane the production of some pipe products has slowed. Water main work will continue as long as weather permits. Tree removal and utilities work tentatively set for this fall. They hope to have the street reconstruction design completed this winter with construction to begin late spring or early summer and completed by the fall 2022.
- NeighborWorks Grants for Neighborhood Councils
  - The “Welcome to Your Neighborhood Night” ice cream social will take place before the next Council meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup>, from 6 pm to 7 pm. Chair Patera will get the necessary permissions to hold the event. It will be posted on social media.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Council Vacancy
  - At 7:32 pm Vice Chair Croft made a motion to accept Aron Krischel into Neighborhood Council 2. Secretary Speidel seconded the motion. The Council unanimously approved the motion.
- Fireworks in the City Limits
  - City Commission is asking for public comment on the fireworks in the city limits. If anyone had a problem with fireworks, i.e. being shot off after the time limit, the Commission is still seeking comments.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (Public comment on any matter that is not on the agenda of the meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the Neighborhood Council. In the interest that all parties can be heard, please limit your comments. When addressing the Council, state your name and address for the record).

- Neighborhood Concerns:
  - Chair Patera stated that over the summer we had some incidences with crime between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> SW, and a couple of members approached her about the Collins Mansion, getting a homeless building rehabbed. No other neighbors had concerns. Some residents commented on how the schools were getting back to normal.

## OTHER BUSINESS

- Council Facebook Page
  - 13-16 people are following. Weekly Crime report. Other items that may interest the neighborhood are posted.
- Crime Task Force public comment
  - The Task Force has put out its recommendations for public review and comment. Comments are due before September 13<sup>TH</sup>.
- Council Update to City Commission (select a date)
  - Chair Patera will be doing the update and will select the date. Some updates are Neighborhood Watch, Facebook Page, Ice Cream Social., etc.

## NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

- Miscellaneous reports, announcements, and agenda suggestions from Neighborhood Council 2 members
  - Neighborhood Watch
    - Vice Chair Croft looked at the website and called Lt Otto. Vice Chair Croft stated he had a couple of people who are interested and anyone else who are interested in starting a neighborhood watch should contact him. He will contact other Neighborhood Councils running Neighborhood Watch to see how they are working it.
  - Council of Councils

- Chair Patera is asking for agenda items for Council of Councils special meeting September 28<sup>th</sup> in the Civic Center Gibson Room on the second floor. Will be discussing the nuisance ordinances. Possibly the RV and fireworks ordinance.
- Mayoral and Commission Candidate Frum September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Great Falls Clinic Specialty Center Conference Room.
  - You will hear from all candidates for Mayor and Commission.
- Good Neighbor Day Proclamation
  - Will be acted on September 28<sup>th</sup>
- Aim High/Big Sky; new recreation center
  - Groundbreaking on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm

#### NEXT MEETING AGENDA SUGGESTIONS

- Neighborhood Watch
- Visioning & Goals
- Flood District
- Crime Task Force

#### ADJOURNMENT

- Chair Shyla Patera entertained a motion to adjourn. Secretary Speidel made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 pm. Vice Chair Croft seconded the motion. The next Neighborhood Council 2 meeting will be at 7:00 pm on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021