

MEETINGS MINUTES

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2

Wednesday, November 10th, 2021

Great Falls West Elementary School Library

7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A quorum was established with Chair Shyla Patera, Vice Chair Tim Croft, Secretary Frank Speidel and Member Aron Krischel as present. Lanni Klasner (City of Great Falls Communications Specialist) was also present. Visitors were Kelly Manzer (West Great Falls Flood Control and Drainage District), and several students from CMR High School.

OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of October 2021 Minutes
 - Chair Patera made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes. The Council unanimously approved the October 2021 meeting minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

- Flood District
 - Kelly Manzer gave an update for the West Great Falls Flood Control and Drainage District. Meetings are held 7pm on the first Tuesday of the month located at Temple Baptist Church, 313 18th St SW Great Falls MT.

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:
 - A neighbor expressed concern about a resident ending up with a broken window on 13th Street. The owner ended up in the hospital while trying to fix the window. The neighbor also expressed concern about a vacant property that a squatter was occupying. Lanni Klasner advised that the City, code and PD, are aware of the situation and are looking into it.
 - Lanni Klasner reported that they will be replacing the Little Free Library that was stolen out of Rhodes Park.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Council of Councils recap
 - Chair Patera reported that they focused on the homeless issue, theft and crime. They also discussed fireworks and possible solutions for where people can shoot off fireworks instead of shooting them off in the streets. They are looking for feedback from the community. They discussed the Neighborhood Watch program and points of contact with the Police Department.
- Neighborhood Watch
 - Vice Chair Tim Croft is currently in discussions with the Police Department and Public Works about the Neighborhood Watch program and getting the signs set up. Vice Chair Croft also stated that there is no fee to join the Neighborhood Watch program.
- Council Facebook Page
 - Secretary Frank Speidel advised that the page has 20 likes and 21 followers. You can find the page on the Great Falls City web site, under Neighborhood Councils

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- Miscellaneous reports, announcements, and agenda suggestions from Neighborhood Council 2 members
 - Secretary Frank Speidel suggested updating the Bylaws that were discussed approximately a year ago and adding Vice Chair Croft along with Member Krischel as Administers to the Council Facebook page. This would allow both Vice Chair Croft and Member Krischel to add content. Both Vice Chair Croft and Member Krischel declined to be added as Administrators to the Facebook page. They will instead submit content to Chair Patera and Secretary Speidel.
 - Chair Patera advises that the Council update and a work session in January 18th at 5:30 and do we know about swearing in. Lanni Klasner advised that decision has not been made yet. It is being discussed right now. It is being worked out with the Commission. She will let the Council know. Chair Patera also advised that the Council officers also need to be selected in January.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA SUGGESTIONS

- Bylaws
- Visioning

ADJOURNMENT

- Chair Shyla Patera made a motion to adjourn at 7:59 pm. Secretary Frank Speidel seconded the motion. The Council unanimously approved. The next Neighborhood Council 2 meeting will be at 7:00 pm on December 8th, 2021