

MEETINGS MINUTES
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2
Wednesday, March 9th, 2022
Great Falls West Elementary School Library
5:30 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, Secretary Frank Speidel and Members Aron Krischel and Fred Fairhurst as present. Lanni Klasner (Communications Specialist) was also present. Visitors were Representative Lola Sheldon-Galloway, 8th District Court Judge Honorable David Grubich, Cascade County Deputy Jay Groskreutz, Cascade County Attorney Josh Racki, and eleven other members of the community.

OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of the of February 2022 meeting minutes.
 - Member Fred Fairhurst made a motion to approve the February 2022 meeting minutes. The Council unanimously approved the February 2022 meeting minutes.
- Bylaws
 - Lanni Klasner (Communications Specialist) received all signatures from the Council Members for the updated Bylaws.
 - Chair Shyla Patera reminded all visitors and Council Members that the time for the Council meetings was changed from 7:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

- Community Speakers
 - Jay Groskreutz, Cascade County Deputy, spoke and answered questions about his candidacy for Cascade County Sheriff
 - Josh Racki, Cascade County Attorney, gave a presentation and answered questions.
 - Honorable David Grubich, 8th District Court Judge, spoke and answered questions about his candidacy for District Court Judge

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 either your address or whether you are a Neighborhood Council 2 resident for the record).

- Neighborhood Concerns:
 - Council Member Fred Fairhurst requested to know who has jurisdiction for the tent city under the 6th Street SW bridge. A member of the community who resides in the area has safety concerns. Vice Chair Tim Croft who is the Police liaison, will contact LT Munkres to see if they will come and address the issue.
 - Chair Shyla Patera voiced concerns about nuisance houses, speed on Central Ave West, and some graffiti. Residents can contact Heather Rohlf at the City about those issues.
 - A member of the community, Mark Tracy, brought up blind corners caused by trees in his neighborhood. He is unable to safely see around these blind corners for oncoming traffic and thinks the trees and shrubs need to be trimmed up. He is also concerned about traffic around lunch time and quitting time 4-5:30 p.m. his neighborhood becomes shortcut from getting off 6th Ave bridge over onto Central. They are still driving 40 mph when cutting through. They go down 20th ST SW which is the main street. Lanni Klasner advised that one of the things the Council could do is reach out to Public Works, Kenny Jorgensen and have them do a traffic study on speeding and line of sight. Chair Patera will call Public Works tomorrow.

- Member Fred Fairhurst thanked the citizens of the community for coming out to the meeting.
- A member of the community brought up his concerns about the change in time for the Neighborhood Council meeting. A later time frame would allow more people who work to attend. Chair Patera advised that the time change was made to accommodate some members of the Council. It was not to shut out any neighbors.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Neighborhood Watch
 - Vice Chair Tim Croft attended the Crime Mapping seminar put on by Capt John Schaffer of the Great Falls Police Dept. Vice Chair Croft hopes he will have a laptop next month to go over the software with everyone. Overview of this month, 6 thefts, 4 vandalism, 2 vehicle thefts, 2 disturbing the peace, and an assault.
- Council Facebook Page
 - Secretary Speidel reported 30 people reached. Up 3.4%. Likes 27 which is stagnant, and visits are down 11.1 %

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- Miscellaneous reports, announcements, and agenda suggestions from Neighborhood Council 2 members
 - None

NEXT MEETING AGENDA SUGGESTIONS

- Crime Mapping software
- NeighborWorks Presentation on April Cleanup
- Michele Levine, candidate for 8th District Judge, and other possible candidates for office.

ADJOURNMENT

- 7:39 p.m. Chair Shyla Patera entertained a motion to adjourn. 7:44 p.m. Secretary Speidel seconded the motion. The next scheduled meeting will be on April 13th, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.