

MEETINGS MINUTES
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2
Wednesday, April 13th, 2022
Great Falls West Elementary School Library
5:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A quorum was established with 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, Michele Levine, Nick Henry and Ashley Benefit (NeighborWorks).

OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of the March 2022 minutes
 - Vice Chair Tim Croft reported an error in the minutes. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm not 7:00 pm. Member Fred Fairhurst made a motion to approve the minutes as read with the corrections. The Council unanimously approved the March 2022 meeting minutes with the corrections.

NEW BUSINESS

- NeighborWorks CommUnity Clean-up
 - Ashley Benefit gave a presentation on NeighborWorks CommUnity Clean-up which will be held May 6th to the 7th.
- Community Speakers
 - Michele Levine spoke and answered questions about her candidacy for District Court Judge.
 - Nick Henry spoke and answered questions about his candidacy for House District 22

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:
 - Lanni Klasner followed up with the Public Works Department on the tree blocking the view of the intersection. The trees are being taken care of by Public Works. The storm drain issue is on their list to get fixed.
 - There was discussion between Council members on the possibility of conducting Facebook Live meetings sometime in the future.
 - Vice Chair Croft was approached by an individual that expressed concerns about trailers coming into Burlington Northern.
 - Michele Levine wanted to know if we had issues with dirt bikers in the neighborhood speeding.
 - Ashley Benefit, as a member of the neighborhood, suggested we hold an ice cream social, meet and greet to bridge a gap between the lower income kids

and law enforcement. Lanni Klasner advised that the Police Department would be at the next meeting and to bring it up then. Secretary Speidel advised that we still have funds from the ice cream social that we have not used which can be utilized, and to contact Shyla.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Neighborhood Watch
 - Vice Chair Croft reported that we had three assaults, five thefts (larceny), two criminal mischiefs and one disturbing the peace. He did see some graffiti on a garage. We will go through the crime view map at the next month meeting with someone from the Police Department.
- Council Facebook Page
 - Secretary Speidel reported the views were up. The City Manager's response to the Alumni Club shooting was posted to the Facebook Page.
- Forums
 - Michele Levine reports that there are forums for the Judicial candidates on April 28th at 6 pm at the Holiday Inn convention center 1100 5th St S, and she believes a Sheriff candidate forum on May 10th at Heritage Hall at Great Falls College also at 6 pm.

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- Miscellaneous reports, announcements from Neighborhood Council 2 members
 - None

NEXT MEETING AGENDA SUGGESTIONS

- GFPD Presentation (May confirmed)
- Sandy Rice, Downtown Safety Alliance (May confirmed)
- Jesse Slaughter candidate for County Sheriff
- Don Ryan candidate for County Commissioner
- Get Fit Montana

ADJOURNMENT

- At 6:38 pm Vice Chair Croft entertained a motion to adjourn. At 6:38 pm Secretary Speidel made a motion to adjourn. Member Aron Krischel seconded the motion. The Council unanimously approved the motion to adjourn.