

MEETINGS MINUTES

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2

Wednesday, May 11th, 2022

Great Falls West Elementary School Library

5:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A quorum was established with Vice Chair Tim Croft, Secretary Frank Speidel and Members Aron Krischel as present. Lanni Klasner (Communications Specialist) was also present. Visitors were LT Rich LaBardo (GFPD), Nick Henry and Sandy Rice (DSA). Due to transportation issues, Chair Shyla Patera arrived after the meeting started.

OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of the April 2022 minutes
 - Member Aron Krischel made a motion to approve the April 2022 meeting minutes. The Council unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Great Falls Police Department Presentation
 - LT Rich LaBard gave a presentation on their new approach to transient and homelessness.
- Great Falls Downtown Safety Alliance
 - Sandy Rice gave a presentation on the Downtown Safety Alliance.

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:
 - Secretary Speidel reported that when he comes across abandoned vehicles, he reports them. It may take GFPD some time to get to them, but they do. Lanni Klasner advised that the program is run by volunteers which they are always looking for.
 - Sandy Rice reported that the “Wayfinding” signs are up.
 - Secretary Speidel reported that the new “Little Free Library” is back in Rhodes Park.

- Chair Patera reported that her neighbors are concerned about recent break ins, but they didn't want to report them, and to be mindful of people who may not be neighborhood friendly in the alleyways.
- Sandy Rice and Lanni Klasner reminded us that neighbors need to make written reports of issues to law enforcement. Reports are kept confidential except when required by the courts.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Neighborhood Watch
 - Vice Chair Croft reported that we had a couple of burglaries. No new requests on starting a neighborhood watch.
- Council Facebook Page
 - Secretary Speidel reported the page had 47 likes, and our audience is about 30-31. Lanni Klasner reported she did a promotion on the main Neighborhood Facebook page that outlines councils with Facebook pages. Hopefully that will get more traffic to the local ones.
- Summer Meeting Schedule
 - At 6:18 pm Secretary Frank Speidel made a motion to suspend the Council meetings until September 2022. 6:18 pm the Council unanimously approved the motion. Lanni Klasner advised If issues come up, the Council can always do special meetings.
- Council of Councils
 - Secretary Frank Speidel will attend the Council of Councils meeting May 24th, 2022.

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

NEXT MEETING AGENDA SUGGESTIONS

- Jesse Slaughter candidate for County Sheriff
- Don Ryan candidate for County Commissioner
- Get Fit Montana

ADJOURNMENT

- At 6:18 pm Vice Chair Croft entertained a motion to adjourn. At 6:18 pm Secretary Speidel made a motion to adjourn. Member Aron Krischel seconded the motion. The Council unanimously approved the motion to adjourn.