

MEETINGS MINUTES
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2
Wednesday, September 14th, 2022
Great Falls West Elementary School Library
5:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A quorum was established with Chair Shyla Patera, Vice Chair Tim Croft, Secretary Frank Speidel, and Member Fred Fairhurst. Also present were several Deputies from the Cascade County Sheriff's office, members from the Cascade County Attorney's office, Cascade County Commissioner and candidate Don Ryan, Cascade County Commissioner candidate Rae Grulkowski, MT House Representative Lola Sheldon-Galloway, City of Great Falls Communications Specialist Lanni Klasner, a few students from High Schools, and some members from the community.

OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of the May 2022 minutes
 - Member Fred Fairhurst motioned to approve the May 2022 meeting minutes. The Council unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Candidate for Cascade County Commissioner Rae Grulkowski gave a presentation and answered questions on her candidacy.
- County Public Safety Levy
 - Members from the Cascade County Attorney's office and Sheriff Deputies gave a presentation and answered questions on the Cascade County Public Safety Levy.
- Council Vacancy
 - Candidate Ashley Benefiet introduced herself, answered questions, and requested to be a member of Great Falls Neighborhood Council Two. Chair Shyla Patera nominated Ashley Benefiet to be a member of Neighborhood Council Two. The Council unanimously approved.

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
 - Representative Lola Sheldon-Galloway reported that some residents were concerned about speeding through school zones. Concerns about kids on scooters and how dangerous they are. Two fast not wearing helmets shooting out in front of cars//motorized scooters//yeah//if they are the Birds ones they are supposed to be 18//oh//they are not supposed to be riding them on the sidewalks either. Chair Shyla Patera advised that residents can always bring neighborhood concerns to the Council, and our names are on the website. Representative Sheldon-Galloway also reported resident's concerns with 9th St and 1st Ave NW with no sidewalks and asphalt decayed. People walking are not real happy with that area. Chair Shyla Patera will take that to Public Works. Representative Sheldon-Galloway also reported that people would like the tennis courts to be resurfaced. Older residents will come out to play Pickleball. Chair Shyla Patera said that it may be on their radar but the Council will bring it forward. Representative Lola Sheldon-Galloway also wanted to know if the Council members ever went door to door. Residents didn't

know that there was a Neighborhood Council. Chair Shyla Patera stated we could add that to our visioning goals and that we do have a Facebook page. Representative Lola Sheldon-Galloway also requested to know the websites. Lanni Klasner gave Representative Lola Sheldon-Galloway the websites and subscriptions that the city uses and residents can sign up for.

- Candidate for Cascade County Commissioner Don Ryan gave a presentation, talked about Cascade County Public Safety Levy, and the Commission's relationship with the City, and answered questions on his candidacy.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Neighborhood Watch
 - Vice Chair Croft reported that he had no new requests on starting a neighborhood watch. He also gave an update on what crimes occurred in the neighborhood since our last meeting.
- Council Facebook Page
 - Secretary Speidel reported none other than it appears that Facebook has changed its software.

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

NEXT MEETING AGENDA SUGGESTIONS

- Chair Shyla Patera suggested some of the Churches and the Boys and Girls Club. Maybe plan for events for the funds we received from NeighborWorks
- Vice Chair Tim Croft suggested an update on Public Works project
- Flood District update

ADJOURNMENT

- At 7:09 pm Chair Shyla Patera entertained a motion to adjourn. At 7:09 pm Secretary Speidel made a motion to adjourn. Member Fred Fairhurst seconded the motion. The Council unanimously approved the motion to adjourn 7:09 pm.