

## MEETINGS MINUTES

### NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2

Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 Members Fred Fairhurst and Ashley Benefiet. Also present were City of Great Falls Communications Specialist Lanni Klasner, Great Falls Library Director Susie McIntyre, and Ron Knutson from the Great Falls community.

#### OLD BUSINESS

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

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Great Falls Library Master Plan
  - Director Susie McIntyre gave a presentation and answered questions on the Great Falls Library Master Plan.

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
  - Ron Knutson expressed his concerns with the traffic flow on the planned apartment complex for the former Dick's Trailer Park. Lanni Klasner suggested he bring his concerns to Neighborhood Council 1's next meeting on Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup>, Meadowlark School, at 7pm. They will be hearing about the RV park, zoning, and the planning staff will be there. A traffic study will be a step in the process.
  - Vice Chair Croft was approached about the gravel road over there by the public garden that is getting dusted out and he will talk to Mr. Johnson about why this road isn't paved.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- Vice Chair Tim Croft requested if Library Director Susie McIntyre has any input into our Neighborhood Social. If given enough notice and they have the staff

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (Miscellaneous reports, announcements, and agenda suggestions from Neighborhood Council #2 members)

- Neighborhood Watch
  - Vice Chair Tim Croft reports no volunteers. According to crime mapping, we have had 19 incidents. 5 vandalisms, 2 larcenies, 2 drug and alcohol, 7 assaults, and 3 disturbances.
- Council Facebook Page
  - Secretary Frank Speidel reported 44 followers, 18 posts/engagements, 1 new post like, 1 new follower, and posts have reached 28 people.
- Council of Councils
  - Member Ashley Benefiet volunteered to be the Official Delegate for Neighborhood Council 2 as well as the Council of Councils Secretary. 6:12 pm Chair Shyla Patera appointed Member Ashley Benefiet the Official Delegate for Neighborhood Council 2. She also gave an update on the Council of Councils meeting. The Council of Councils stressed educating community members on the bark laws and ordinances.
- Neighborhood Council 2 Spring Social Event
  - Member Ashley Benefiet advised that she has a face painter. Great Falls EMS will come out and bring an ambulance and have interactive stuff with the kids. NeighborWorks asked if there is anything we need from them outside of the funds, to let them know. Vice Chair Croft will talk with Chief Jones to see if we can get a fire truck there. Member Ashley Benefiet has not got a hold of any law enforcement officers yet.
- Agenda Suggestions
  - Neighborhood Council 2 Spring Social Event
  - Police Department Volunteer
  - City Animal Control

ADJOURNMENT

- At 6:20 pm Secretary Frank Speidel made a motion to adjourn. The Council unanimously approved the motion to adjourn. The next scheduled meeting will be on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 5:30 pm.