

MEETINGS MINUTES

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2

Wednesday, March 8th, 2023

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 Vice Chair Tim Croft, Secretary Frank Speidel, and Member Fred Fairhurst. Also present were City of Great Falls Communications Specialist Lanni Klasner, Adrienne Ehrke GFD, Lonni Hill COGF Planner II, Jolene Schalper GFDA, Eric Peterson Neighborhood Council 3, and 2 members of the community.

OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of the February 2023 minutes
 - Member Fred Fairhurst motioned to approve the February 2023 meeting minutes. The Council unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Lonni Hill, COGF Planner II, gave a presentation on a minor subdivision application request by Talcott Properties for the West Bank One, Hwy55 Burgers.
 - 5:36 pm Member Fred Fairhurst made a motion to accept the minor subdivision for West Bank One. The Council unanimously approved.
- Adrienne Ehrke, Volunteer Coordinator for the GFD, gave a presentation on volunteering for the Great Falls Police Department. For volunteer opportunities, please visit <https://greatfallsmt.net/police/volunteers-policing-service> for the online application or contact the office at (406) 455-8408. The online Citizen Complaint & Request form, i.e., abandoned vehicles, etc., can be found here <https://greatfallsmt.net/community/citizen-complaint-request-form>

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
 - 2 member of the community are concerned about the project at , whether there will be public input before any excavation. Members were provided Lonni Hill COGF Planner telephone number. Lanni Klasner advised that the project will go through the public process i.e. Neighborhood Council, Planning Board, City Commission.

- Eric Peterson wanted to know if there was any discussion of the vandalism on the alley. He got a haircut at Center Hair Design Central West and the barber was concerned about the MS13 spray painted on a garage. Vice Chair Croft advised that they didn't have much detail in the report. Eric Peterson wanted to know if they are going to step up patrols or anything like that. It is the 1st alley NW where the old Taco Johns was. Vice Chair Croft advised not that he knows of. There are four incidents of graffiti. It is basically the same as the other areas where pink graffiti is, probably the same juveniles. All we can do is be aware of and keep our eyes out. Eric Peterson will let the barber know.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Election of Officers:
 - Tabled until April 2023 meeting due to Chair Patera and member Ashley Benefiet were not in attendance.

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

- Neighborhood Watch
 - Vice Chair Tim Croft reports according to crime mapping, we have had 3 assaults, 4 vandalisms, 1 drug & alcohol incident, 4 partner assaults, 1 burglary, 1 robbery, 1 DUI, 3 thefts, 1 arson.
- Council Facebook Page
 - Secretary Frank Speidel reported 47 lifetime followers, 1 new follower, 4 engagements, 45 page visits, 56 people reached.
- Neighborhood Council 2 Spring Social Event
 - May 13th. Member Fred Fairhurst will ask member Ashley Benefiet if she wants him to set up a barbeque and hand out hotdogs for anybody that shows up.
- Agenda Suggestions
 - Neighborhood Council 2 Spring Social Event
 - Council of Councils Recap
 - City Animal Control
 - Member Fred Fairhurst attempted to contact the Little Shell, with no response yet, to come and tell us about the tribal center. Jolene Schalper GFDA will mention it next time she meets with them. Lanni Klasner has the contact information for the Little Shell and will email it to Member Fred Fairhurst.

ADJOURNMENT

- At 6:15 pm Member Fred Fairhurst made a motion to adjourn. Secretary Frank Speidel seconded the motion. The next scheduled meeting will be on April 12th, 2023, at 5:30 pm.