

Thursday, March 9, 2022
First Church of the Nazarene: 1727 2nd Ave. South

Barney Danishefsky Presiding.

Council Members Present: Barney Danishefsky, Karen Gray, and Shannon Wilson.

Council Members Absent: Scott Miranti and Jeff Lauver.

7:00 PM meeting called to order by Barney Danishefsky.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Old Business:

- February meeting minutes read. Shannon motioned to approve the minutes; Barney seconded. Public was asked to comment: none. Unanimously approved as read.

New Business:

- Laramie Smovir, Volunteer Coordinator, City of Great Falls Animal Shelter: Explained the jurisdiction of the Animal Shelter and upcoming events. Barney asked how long the shelter keeps an animal (72 to 96 hours, not including when the shelter is closed).

Other Business

- Facebook update: Light engagement for the last month.
- Crime mapping: Many hits at GFHS as always. Ken Cisco asked about a neighborhood watch program in light of recent incidents. Barney is going to try to get a representative from the police department at our next meeting. Barney recommended reporting online at the city's website regarding eyesore properties.
- Park and Recreation Board Update: P&R is waiting for the frost level to recede low enough to start installing the playground equipment. Bids will be accepted for the concrete work soon and after sidewalks are installed the Free Little Library will be installed. Barney and Karen recommended a southern extension of the sidewalk for accessibility from the south end of the park for handicapped and parking. Barney wants to hold a kite-flying event and ribbon-cutting ceremony once the playground equipment is installed. Judy White suggested an ice cream social.

Student Input

- Shannon introduced us to the I M Bison Group: Mariyah Hicks, Marika Semana, Tahlia Murillo, and Eliot Lantry: students have started a diversity group at GFHS. They showcase the students' diverse cultures and promote inclusiveness. Judy White asked if the group felt that their efforts are helping eliminate some of the negative behaviors that go on at GFHS.
- Shannon asked to forward to the city commission a recommendation for city recognition (award) of the I M Bison Group.

Neighborhood Comments

- Judy White inquired about the sidewalk project that was started prior to the pandemic and there were additional questions regarding some underground pipes. Barney said he would contact the engineering department at the city.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

- Barney motioned to adjourn. Shannon seconded. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Gray