

MEETINGS MINUTES  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2  
Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 Chair Shyla Patera, Vice Chair Tim Croft, Secretary Frank Speidel, Members Fred Fairhurst and Ashley Benefiet. Also present were City of Great Falls Communications Specialist Lanni Klasner, Downtown Safety Alliance & Library Levy representative Sandy Rice, and School Board candidate Rodney Meyers. Two members of the neighborhood were in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of the March 2023 minutes
  - Member Fred Fairhurst motioned to approve the March 2023 meeting minutes with the corrections of 2<sup>nd</sup> St SW. The Council unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Sandy Rice of the Downtown Safety Alliance and Library Levy gave a presentation and answered questions on both the Safety Alliance and the Library Levy.
- Rodney Meyers a School Board Candidate gave a presentation and answered questions on his candidacy for School Board.

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
  - A member of the community wanted to know if Animal Control will be here at the next meeting. Lanni Klasner advised that Chair Petera is working on getting them to come.
  - A member of the community wanted to know if Lonni Hill COGF Planner II will come to give an update to the project, as several neighbors have concerns. He also stated that he did get in contact with Lonni Hill and Lonni Hill said anybody could contact him on the project. Lanni Klasner advised that if there was any new information on the project, the Council would be notified.
  - Member Ashley Benefiet advised that there is a woman on Facebook talking about the movie "Purge" stating that there is a purge coming up, and she has posted several people within the County and City that are running for election and is reporting their addresses. Ashley Benefiet advised that people be diligent.

## OTHER BUSINESS

- Election of Officers:  
Secretary Speidel stated that Chair Petera, before she departed the meeting at 6:14 pm, stated that she see's no reason to change the officers. Member Fairhurst advised that he will be moving and resigning at a later date. Lanni Klasner stated that the Council can vote to maintain the current officers. 6:17 pm Secretary Speidel made a motion to retain the current officers for the Council. Vice Chair Croft seconded the motion. The Council unanimously passed the motion.

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

- Neighborhood Watch
  - Vice Chair Tim Croft reports 1 new interested party for a watch on 18<sup>th</sup> St. Uptick in issues. 7 thefts. Graffiti is down with only 2. 5 assaults. 1 arson. 1 motor vehicle theft. 3 frauds. 1 disturbing the peace. 1 DUI.
- Council Facebook Page
  - Secretary Frank Speidel reported posts reached 28 people. 27 page visits. 48 followers.
- Neighborhood Council 2 Spring Social Event May 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - Ashley Benefiet reports that she did not hear back from GFPD or Sheriffs Dept. Lanni Klasner will send Ashley Benefiet Tony Munkres GFPD contact information. She has confirmation from 2 or 3 food vendors. Her children distributed the flyers around the school, and it is posted on the Great Falls Public School website. She will post it on the Albertsons public board as well. Some kids volunteer decorations. She needs someone from the Council to pick up the Bounce House. Fred Fairhurst volunteered to pick up the Bounce House. She also needs a payee besides herself from the Council to pay for the sponsorship. Member Fred Fairhurst volunteered to also be the payee. Vice Chair Croft has confirmation from the Fire House that a Fire Truck will be there. Ashley Benefiet reports that the Ambulance, EMT's, department will also be there.
- Agenda Suggestions
  - City Animal Control

## ADJOURNMENT

- At 6:28 pm Member Fred Fairhurst made a motion to adjourn. Secretary Frank Speidel seconded the motion. The next scheduled meeting will be on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5:30 pm.