

MEETINGS MINUTES

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2

Wednesday, March 13th, 2024

Great Falls West Elementary School Library

5:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A quorum was established with Vice Chair Tim Croft, Secretary Frank Speidel, and Member Wayne Young present. Four members of the neighborhood were in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of the February 2024 meeting minutes
 - 5:31 pm Member Vice Chair Croft motioned to approve the February meeting minutes with the corrections of 1st paragraph “That is why like I” to “That is why like I”, and 2nd paragraph “Coal drive” to “Keogh Drive”. The Council unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Visioning – 6:05 Tabled until more Council members can attend.
- By Laws – 6:06 Tabled until more Council members can attend.

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 gave an update on the Bay View Apartments Rezone. The City Commission will have a public hearing on April 2, 2024.
 - Several members of the community expressed their concerns about a Dispensary that is being built by 505 5th St SW. They are concerned about the possibility of rising crime in the area like when the bars were there and increasing traffic. According to Planning, the Dispensary already has their permits. The residents will keep an eye out, notify law enforcement, and come back to the Neighborhood Council if issues crop up.
 - Vice Chair Croft brought up illegal dump near by Falls Casino, Old Jack Club sign which looks like its going to fall over. Abandoned vehicles and Bonfires under the Via Duct. He is hoping that we can coordinate with NeighborWorks and get a Boy Scout or some crew for April/May cleanup, and see if Kelly from K-Heart Veterinary Clinic can redirect one of her cameras to the area.
 - A member of the community wanted to know what the regulations for a dispensary are. Vice Chair Croft suggested we have someone from City Development come in to explain the regulations. The member also wanted to know the density in our neighborhood versus the

density in Fox Farm and other neighborhoods and whether we are being targeted. Vice Chair Croft will contact Lanni to see if we can get someone to talk to us about it.

- o A member of the community also wanted to know about sidewalks and infrastructure plans. Vice Chair Croft said they have a map up at Planning and that there is something planned for 9th St NW. Member Wayne Young found it interesting that they are always upgrading//in Fox Farm every other year//yeah but you drive over 10th and 9th there's not one. Why is it only going to//Vice Chair Croft said he will give Lanni a call//some people don't want sidewalks//I don't. A member of the community stated that she has had to slam on the brakes several times driving onto 9th St NW because she couldn't see past the vehicles parked on the boulevard.
- o A member of the community wanted to know how to contact City Commissioners. Secretary Speidel showed the member how to contact group and individual Commissioner's via the City Web Site. The member also requested we post it on our Facebook page prior to the City Commissions public hearing on the 2nd of April.

OTHER BUSINESS

- None

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

- Neighborhood Watch
 - o Vice Chair Tim Croft reports 2 car thefts, 2 assaults, 2 disturbing the peace, 1 DUI, and 1 vandalism.
- Council Facebook Page
 - o Secretary Frank Speidel reported 101 followers, 48 post engagements, 1 new follower, 4 reactions, 3 comments, and 2 shares.
- Agenda Suggestions
 - o NeighborWorks – April
 - o Visioning
 - o By Laws
 - o Dispensary regulations

ADJOURNMENT

- At 6:17 pm Vice Chair Croft made a motion to adjourn. Member Wayne Young seconded the motion. The Council unanimously approved. The next scheduled meeting will be on April 10th, 2024, at 5:30 pm.