

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #5
Monday, May 20, 2024– 7:00 pm
Great Falls Clinic Specialty Center, 3000 15th Ave So

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Ray with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Howard Plouffe, Dylan Lennox Tom Kotynski, Eric Ray, and Marcia Anderson. There were 21 neighbors present, including: Jessica Compton, Scheels Aim High Big Sky Facility; Kevin Vinning, Charles Russell Park Concerns; and Ben Forsyth, Cannabis Harm Protester.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jessica Compton, Scheels Aim High Big Sky Facility, gave a detailed report on the new Aquatic Center: Tours of the facility will be given on Fridays at 4:00. It will be opening the end of June. Hours will be M-F 5:30 am - 9:00 pm, Sat 7-6, Sun 10-6. There will be a Farmers Market Thursday July 11, 6:00-8:00 pm.

Kevin Vinning addressed some of the concerns in Russell Park. The surface of the tennis and basketball courts is deteriorating. Gophers are back with gusto. Trees on 33rd street have been removed or trimmed. Funds from the Park Levy were asked about. Friends of Peoples Park and Rec Foundation Fund is a possible source for funds. The trails need some repair.

Ben Forsyth presented information on the harms of cannabis.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Eric called the County on the concerns about mosquitoes in the pond on the Touro College campus.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approve Minutes: The minutes were read and approved on a motion by Eric and second by Howard.

Thank you to the people who participated in the Park cleanup on May 18

OTHER BUSINESS:

Tom suggested that since Eric does most of the work communicating with the City, that the rest of the Council takes on some of the responsibilities like finding speakers and informing the community of what we are doing. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING – June 17, 2024. Agenda items: Tennis Courts in Russell Park. Growth Policy for Great Falls.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 on a motion by Tom and second by Dylan.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Anderson, Secretary