

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #5  
October 14, 2024 7:00pm  
Great Falls Clinic Specialty Center, 3000 15<sup>th</sup> Ave So

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Howard Plouffe with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Members present: Eric Ray, Tom Kotynski, Howard Plouffe, and Luella Vogel and 44 neighbors. Member absent: Dylan Lennox

**NEW BUSINESS:** Guest Speaker, Special Projects Officer Clay Bott, with the GFPD gave a presentation on the department's Citizen's Academy. The Academy is a 10 week class where citizens learn about the many services provided by the Department. Services include, but are not limited to detectives, compiling evidence, a high risk unit, DUI night and animal control. Sign up for this class online at [greatfallspd.net/police](http://greatfallspd.net/police). Officer Bott proceeded to discuss the various types of crimes committed in Great Falls from larceny numbering 748 with 147 being auto theft, assault 632, vandalism 396, car crash 962, Offences against children 176 and general complaints 2814, to name a few. There are 15 officers on duty each day with 5 to 10 on the street. Applications for employment are currently down. Applicants are held to high standards. The number for non-emergency calls 406-455-8599.

Eric introduced a discussion about taking Council meetings outside the meeting room, such as on ZOOM etc. Also, suggested coffee & water at the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Eric Ray reported that our Facebook page is doing great and has had 56 clicks. Russell Park update. Filling the cracks in the tennis/soccer court pathway has been rescheduled for 2025 . The 4 way stop at the intersection of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 32<sup>nd</sup> street went into effect in August. This 10 year effort by the Council is under a one year trial period. Eric reports having heard only positive feedback. The speed reduction study for the East end of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue is currently being considered by the City Commission.

**NEXT MEETING:** The Nov 18th meeting will be at 7:00 in the Clinic Specialty Center. There will be a coffee and sweets social following the meeting.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Luella Vogel, Secretary