

MEETING MINUTES
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2
Wednesday, November 13th, 2024
Great Falls West Elementary School
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 Vice Chair Tim Croft, Secretary Frank Speidel, and Member Pam Wagner present. Also present were City of Great Falls Neighborhood Council Liaison Rob Moccasin and 3 High School students.

OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of the October 2024 minutes
 - 5:31 pm Vice Chair Croft made a motion to approve the October 2024 meeting minutes with the correction of “next scheduled meeting will be on November 14th 2024, at 5:31 pm” to “next scheduled meeting will be on November 13th 2024, at 5:31 pm”. Secretary Speidel seconded the motion. 5:31 pm the Council unanimously approved.
- West Kiwanis Park Repurposing Support Vote
 - Vice Chair Croft gave a brief recap on West Kiwanis Park Repurposing for those not present during the Oct meeting. 5:33 pm Secretary Speidel made a motion to accept the West Kiwanis Park Repurposing. 5:33 pm Member Pam Wagner seconded the motion. 5:33 pm Council Liaison Rob Moccasin stated we need to ask for public comment. Vice Chair Croft asked for public comment. There was no public comment. 5:34 pm the Council unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

- Council of Councils Update.
 - Vice Chair Croft gave a brief recap of the Council of Councils meeting. Still some police officers and dispatchers down. 31,000 calls last year, 35,000 calls so far this year. Vice Chair Croft gave resident Damian Conn’s rail quiet zone proposal to the Council. Damian Conn will also make a presentation at the next Council of Council’s meeting. Sheriff Slaughter stated that they are operating in the black. At their limit as far as detainees. He sees them going into the red in a couple of years. They are building a new room for evidence. He is talking with the Judges about a new program going on to prevent the mentally ill from being sent to the detention center because they have had 3 recent suicides.

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
 - None from the public
 - Vice Chair Croft stated that Council Liaison Rob Moccasin addressed and took care of the graffiti on 5th. There are two campers down behind the veterinary place and we had this issue before with a 5th wheel that caught on fire. It set there for 4 or 5 months before they hauled it away. Well there's 2 campers down there now and I put in a complaint and heard nothing about it, 1300 block Central Ave. Rob Moccasin stated he will look into it. And there is the campers at ShopCo though not in our area, there is about 4 or 5 of them over there and behind Pacific Steel, behind the old Chinese restaurant, there is 2 or 3 outfits back there. And he has also put in a complaint on the sign//Jack Club//yeah the Jack Club sign.
 - Secretary Speidel has one but he has not written anything up yet. The apartment complexes 5th Ave NW, they just got done refurbishing their parking lot. So they took all the cars that were not insured or whatever, tagged and dumped them on the street. Some have probably gone back on their private property, but if you go, probably both sides 4th and 5th Ave NW you are going to find probably a couple of vehicles there, especially by that church on 5th. There's one that been sitting there all jacked up for months. Secretary Speidel wanted to know how to put in a complaint because from his understanding they are looking for a specific vehicle at a specific address. Council Liaison Rob Moccasin recommended putting in the narrative that there are several vehicles there.
 - Member Pam Wagner had a question about last spring, when we talked about the property on 1st Ave SW and 11th St. Secretary Speidel stated that he had not been by there and had not heard anything about it. Member Pam Wagner stated she had been and needs to file a complaint. Vice Chair Croft stated going online is pretty easy, which Member Pam Wagner will do.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Neighborhood Watch
 - Vice Chair Tim Croft reports 14 incidents. 2 drug and alcohol. 5 simple assaults. 3 car break-in's. 2 graffiti. 2 disturbing the peace.
- Council Face book Page
 - Secretary Frank Speidel reported 75 people reached and 2 new followers.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (Miscellaneous reports, announcements, and agenda suggestions from

Neighborhood Council #2 members)

- Agenda Suggestions
 - None

ADJOURNMENT

- At 5:48 pm Secretary Speidel made a motion to adjourn. 5:48 pm Member Pam Wagner seconded the motion. 5:49 pm the Council unanimously approved. The next scheduled meeting will be on December 11th 2024, at 5:30 pm.