

MEETING MINUTES
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2
Wednesday, January 8th, 2025
Great Falls West Elementary School
5:30 pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:28 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A quorum was established with Vice Chair Tim Croft, Secretary Frank Speidel, Member Pam Wagner and Member Wayne Young present. Also present were City of Great Falls Neighborhood Council Liaison Rob Moccasin, West Great Falls Flood Control and Drainage District Commissioner Fred Fairhurst, and 3 residents from the community.

Old Business

- Approve Minutes – December 11th, 2024
 - 5:30 pm Member Wayne Young made a motion to approve the December 2024 meeting minutes. 5:30 pm the Council unanimously approved.

New Business

- Council Officer Elections
 - 5:30 pm Secretary Speidel nominated Tim Croft to be Chair. 5:31 pm The Council unanimously approved.
 - 5:31 pm Chair Croft nominated Wayne Young to be Vice Chair. 5:31 pm the Council unanimously approved.
 - 5:31 pm Chair Croft nominated Frank Speidel to be Secretary. 5:31 pm the Council unanimously approved.

Other Business

- Neighborhood Watch – Crime Mapping
 - Chair Tim Croft reported 2 disturbing the peace. 4 assaults. 1 larceny. 2 DUII. 1 Burglary. Chair Croft gave a brief introduction to the crime mapping program to the attending neighborhood residents.
- Council Facebook Page
 - Secretary Frank Speidel reported our reach is up 5.1 percent. Interactions down 11 percent. 31 engagements so that is down 3 percent. 1 new

follower so we are up to 106 followers.

- Neighborhood Council of Councils
 - 5:45 pm Chair Tim Croft made a motion that we have a special delegate to attend the Council of Council meeting January 28, 2025 meeting at 7pm. The Council discussed the possibility of removing the Official Delegate position from their Bylaws. The motion was not voted on. Chair Tim Croft will attend the meeting.

Petitions, Communications, Updates (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
 - Resident Susan Broquist requested to know the status of the apartment complex Bay Drive. Chair Croft advised that the last he heard it was in litigation. Secretary Speidel advised that the resident can contact Planning and Development for up to date information.
 - Vice Chair Wayne Young reported that the no trespassing signs under the bridge that he saw, which he reported in the December meeting, are underneath the bridge just north of mile post 266.
 - West Great Falls Flood Control and Drainage District Commissioner Fred Fairhurst advised that levy property is private property. Even if you live adjacent to the levy. It is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property. Any action that disturbs the integrity of the soil can result in a downgrade in an inspection. They are about to get another Corps of Engineers inspection. Anything less than an excellent in inspection will result in tax increases for the District. If you have a reason for access, you can contact any of the West Great Falls Flood Control and Drainage District Commissioners, for the form to grant you access. Their website is <https://westgfflooddistrict.com/board/>
 - Vice Chair Wayne Young requested update on the status of the soccer court (proposal of repurposing West Kiwanis Park for a mini pitch). Chair Croft advised that it is in the hands of Park & Rec. Council Liaison Rob Moccasin stated he will check with Park & Rec. to see if they need something from the Council such as a letter. Chair Croft suggests if they

are fund raising, we could put it on our Facebook page. Council Liaison Rob Moccasin will get the information to us.

- Resident Fred Fairhurst requested to know if anyone from Little Shell addressed the Council on their plans on the new hotel, casino. Chair Croft stated no. Secretary Speidel stated as well as other Council members stated it is not in our area. Secretary Speidel stated he posted their intentions on our Facebook page.

Neighborhood Council (Miscellaneous reports, announcements, and agenda suggestions from Neighborhood Council #2 members. For more information on Neighborhood Councils please visit: <https://greatfallsmt.net/neighborhoodcouncils/our-councils> and <https://www.facebook.com/NeighborhoodCouncils/>)

- Agenda Suggestion Items:
 - Neighborhood Council 2 Bylaws review and update

Adjourn

- 5:56 pm Secretary Speidel made a motion to adjourn. 5:56 pm Vice Chair Young seconded the motion. 5:56 pm the Council unanimously approved. The next scheduled meeting will be on February 12th 2025 at 5:30 pm.