

Neighborhood Council #5
Monday May 19, 2025 at 7:00
Council Meeting Minutes
Great Falls Clinic Specialty Center, 3000 15th Avenue South

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Tom Kotynski with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Tom Kotynski, Howard Plouffe, Dylan Lennox, Eric Ray, Luella Vogel and 60 neighbors.

NEW BUSINESS: Our neighbor, **House Majority Leader Steve Fitzpatrick**, gave an excellent summary of the 2025 Legislature and how it effects all of us. Steve provided a handout regarding taxes and bills from the 2025 Legislative session thus far. This handout can be accessed at the following link: <https://1drv.ms/f/s!Amlj-qDid3ekoolgLrzo9pA>. His presentation was followed by a questions from the audience.

OLD BUSINESS: The April 21, 2025 minutes were read and approved on a motion by Tom and second by Eric.

OTHER BUSINESS: Eric reported the City has pledged to fill the cracks in Russell Park walking path. It's currently waiting for approval on the budget. He also reported that the Russell Park cleanup went well and thanked all who participated. Eric said gophers continue to be a problem at the park, as well as, other locations in the Council #5 district. He suggested it would be helpful for residents to call or write a letter to report each time they see a gopher issue.

NEXT MEETING: June16, 2025 at 7:00. Our guest speaker will be **Andrew Finch, Senior Transportation Planner**, regarding the Great Falls long range transportation plan.

July 21, 2025 meeting at 7:00. Our guest speaker will be the Commander of the Montana Air Guard 120thAirlift Wing regarding the unit mission.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 on a motion by Howard and second by Dylan.

Respectfully Submitted,
Luella Vogel, Secretary