Neighborhood Council #5 June 16, 2025 7:00 Great Falls Clinic Specialty Center 3000 15th Avenue South

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Howard Plouffe with the Pledge of

Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Howard Plouffe, Tom Kotynski, Dylan Lennox, Eric Ray, Luella Vogel and 12 residents.

NEW BUSINESS: Andrew Finch, Senior Transportation Planner Planning & Community Development with the City of Great Falls gave a presentation about current project needs, due to community growth. He stressed that projects are a cooperative effort between city, county and state. When assessing a project they take into consideration traffic patterns, safety issues, infrastructure and future development. He answered and discussed questions from the

audience. Andrew suggested that when anyone has a transportation issue they should contact his department because "the squeaky wheel gets it on the radar" and possibly on the 5 Year Plan.

- OLD BUSINESS: The May minutes were read and approved on a motion by Tom and second by Eric.
- **OLD BUSINESS:** Eric has been in touch with Mountain View School regarding the ongoing gopher issue. The school has been in contact with a firm out of Idaho to create an ongoing solution to the problem.
- **OTHER BUSINESS:** Residents expressed concerns regarding the speed limit on 26^{th} street south of 10^{th} avenue. There is very little space between the roadway and the sidewalk which creates a safety issue for pedestrians.
- ANNOUNCMENTS: Eric suggested the Ice Cream Social be scheduled for 2:00 on August 17th at Russell Park. Tom made a motion to that effect and Eric seconded.

Our Council will host a **Candidate Forum** on October 20th to introduce candidates running for City elections.

NEXT MEETING: July 21, 2025. Our guest speaker will be Wing Commander, Colonel David Smith from the Montana Air National Guard, 120th Airlift Wing.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 on a motion by Tom and second by Dylan.

Respectfully Submitted:

Luella Vogel, Secretary

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