

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #5 Meeting Minutes  
Monday July 21, 2025 7:00 pm  
GF Clinic Specialty Center, 3000 15<sup>th</sup> Ave So

**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, Eric Ray, Dylan Lennox, Luella Vogel and 9 neighborhood residents.

**New Business:** Howard opened the meeting with an interesting history of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by our guest speaker, **Wing Commander Colonel Scott Smith**. He discussed the mission and vision of the MT Air National Guard. One of the topics was as follows. In the past the Great Falls base has operated with hand-me-down aircraft from active duty, but currently, with the help of the Air Force and our Senators, in May 2026 they will begin receiving new C-130 J model aircraft. He also discussed future infrastructure updates.

**Old Business:** The June 16, 2025 meeting minutes were read and approved on a motion by Howard and second by Dylan.

**Other Business:** Council #5 area is experiencing a spotted Weed epidemic. Rob will invite the appropriate City/County entities to attend our August meeting. Katie expressed gratitude to Neighbor Works for donating equipment that she needs to broadcast council meetings on Facebook

**Announcements:** This month the City Commission work session will discuss the future of fire works in Great Falls.

Tom is working on a survey to determine what Council #5 neighbors are interested in. The survey will be distributed by group email and on Facebook in early August. Everyone completing & submitting a survey will be entered into **a drawing for a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to be drawn at the Ice Cream Social (must be present to win)**

The **Ice Cream Social** will be at Russell Park on Aug 17th at 2:00. Motion by Tom 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric. Everyone is encouraged to spread the word about these meetings to improve attendance.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, August 18, 2025. Our first guest speaker will be Great Falls **Fire Dept Cheif, Jeremy Jones** discussing fire department issues. Our 2nd guest speaker will be **Joshua Blystone** with Great Falls weed and mosquito control.

**September meeting:** guest speaker to be announced.

**October meeting:** Our council will sponsor a **candidate forum** for commissioner and mayoral candidates on Monday, October 20th at 7:00 at the Alliance For Youth building, 3220 11<sup>th</sup> Ave So. Watch for further info as the date draws closer.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 on a motion by Tom and second by Dylan.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Luella Vogel, Secretary

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