

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #5
Monday, August 18, 2025 7:00pm
GF 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, Eric Ray and Luella Vogel.
Members Excused: Dylan Lennox. Community Residents Present: 9

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Jeremy Jones with the Great Falls Fire Department gave a presentation on the Department's training facility. The facility is nearly a 10 acre site that offers a wide variety of training opportunities for numerous agencies. It offers props for live fire training, multi fire operations, search and rescue, an obstacle course and a classroom. Everything they do is to address emergencies within the community.

Lonnie Hill, Deputy Director/Floodplain with the City of GF and Jousha Blystone with County Public Works presented information on the noxious weed issue in Great Falls. They said weed issues are no longer addressed on a seek and destroy basis. Attention to weed issues is now complaint driven. A citizen with a complaint needs to fill out and submit a complaint form. The property owner will receive a letter within 7 days of the complaint. If this Council wishes to further address this issue we need to put noxious weed control on a meeting agenda.

OLD BUSINESS: The July 21st minutes were read and approved on a motion by Howard and second by Eric

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Eric said a report from Kevin Vining, City Park and Recreation Department Supervisor indicated the repair of the cracks in the Park walking path will be funded by a grant. An evaluation has been done by the American Tennis Association and the process will begin in two weeks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Katie Kotynski will give the results of the Neighborhood Council #5 survey to determine neighborhood interests at the September 15th Council meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: September 15th Marilyn Hamer with the AARP Executive Council will provide a presentation on Avoiding Scams and Fraud.
October 20th meeting at 7:00. Council #5 will sponsor a **candidate forum for commissioner & mayoral candidates** in the Alliance For Youth building at 3220 11th Ave So.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 on a motion by Tom and second by Eric.

Respectfully Submitted,

Luella Vogel, Secretary