

MEETING MINUTES
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2
Wednesday, September 10th, 2025
Great Falls West Elementary School
5:30 pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A quorum was established with Chair Tim Croft, Vice Chair Wayne Young, Secretary Frank Speidel and Member Pam Wagner. Also present were City of Great Falls Neighborhood Council Liaison Rob Moccasin, Lanni Klasner from Calumet, and 14 members from the community.

Old Business

- Approve Minutes – May 14th 2025 meeting
 - 5:30 pm Vice Chair Young made a motion to approve the May 2025 meeting minutes. Member Wagner seconded the motion. 5:31 pm the Council unanimously approved.

New Business

- Calumet Community update.
 - 5:31 pm Lanni Klasner from Calumet gave a presentation and answered questions on what Calumet Refining and Calumet Renewables are doing, along with the companies expansion plans for the future. Direct contact for her is greatfallscommunity@calumet.com. Their Senior Vice President of Montana operations will be attending the Great Falls October Council of Councils meeting.
- Potential Flooding – NW Great Falls
 - 5:50 pm DeeAnna Brady gave a presentation and voiced concerns about the potential flooding caused by atmospheric rivers that have occurred in some communities throughout the world, could happen in Great Falls. Some of the concerns were that the National Weather Service Flash Flooding alerts are too broad and not localized enough. Someone voiced concerns about safe places and neighborhood notifications. Vice Chair Young stated that they still have local emergency planning committee meeting that's actually where those kind of things will be developed and spread out to the responders. Council Liaison Rob Moccasin stated that the City uses Code Red, an application that you put on your cell phone.

Other Business

- Neighborhood Watch – Crime Mapping
 - Chair Tim Croft reported 6 disturbing the peace. 1 drug violation. 4 vandalism. 7 assaults. 5 vehicle break-in. 5 larcenies. 1 DUI. 3 burglaries. 3 graffiti.

- Council Facebook Page
 - Secretary Speidel reported last 90 days views 7,021 up 37%. 367 engagements up 42%. 121 followers up 3%. The loss of administrative control for a week was resolved. He advised the Council that he will be deleting his personal Facebook page in January so someone else will have to assume the Council Facebook page.

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
 - 6:03 pm Deb Kottel Executive Director St. Vincent de Paul gave a presentation on their homeless outreach. Requests that Neighborhood Councils as a group to say to City Council please lets have proactive solutions. Moving people from one neighborhood to the other will not solve the problem of homelessness. We need housing. We need same day treatment centers. We need benefit corporations that will help employ people on hard times, jobs, and get them back into the community. Without this Great Falls will be a checkerboard of moving homeless from one place to another part. St. Vincent de Paul are the best neighbors they know how to be. Trying to get people moved down the street. They don't have answers but they are there to answer questions. 90 people a day is a lot. We are at capacity at Grace Home. We are at capacity at Grace Haven and when we opened up the other facility, within two days we were at capacity. She gave examples of their struggles with state and federal funding losses, and the consequences. They need more permanent supportive housing like the Baatz building.
 - 6:17 pm a member from the community gave a presentation and her thoughts on a letter she received from 60 plus (<https://www.60plus.org>), about "YOU HAVE NO LEGAL RIGHT TO YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT!"
 - 6:25 Chair Tim Croft stated he was contacted by a member of the community about the West Side ball fields. About the 21 units from NeighborWorks. Chair Croft went to the meeting but it was canceled. Its through the County. Nothing to do with our neighborhood. So anyway they approved that and I seen them over there today cutting the grass and cleaning things up. So it looks like that is in the works. And he was contacted by another member of the community about the fireworks which is going to a public vote.

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:
 - None

Adjourn

- 6:26 pm Secretary Speidel made a motion to adjourn. Chair Croft seconded the motion. 6:27 pm the Council unanimously approved. The next scheduled meeting will be on October 8th 2025 at 5:30 pm.