

Neighborhood council 7

Meeting minutes

Great Falls Civic Center Gibson room

2/13/2012

Acting Chairman Jim Super called meeting to order 7:04pm and led The Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business

Wendy Thomas spoke briefly on Brownfield grant, informing commission that SetFree was approved for grant and would get the go ahead sometime in March or April

Community Policing Officer Lundberg spoke in place for Officer Slaughter. Vandalism between 2nd and 4th Ave. N. is still being investigated. Crime stats were reported.

Representatives from BNSF, Megan Macintire and Colton Muller, spoke on railroad whistle noise. Information on the implementation of a quiet zone was given, noting that a minimum of a half mile would need to be included. Emphasis was placed on the reason the horns were blown was for safety and also that they are federally mandated. One option was to have some less used crossings closed to lessen whistle noise.

Reports

Council of council representative Cloeie Nichols gave report from last month's council of council meeting. Police Advisory board will resume under new police chief, but date has not yet been set. Large vehicle ordinance revisited but city commissioners hesitant about passing new complaint driven legislature since there already are laws addressing issue on the books. Possible solution for District 7 may be to zone some residential parking areas. Conservation districts were briefly discussed but a formal presentation should take place at the next Neighborhood council meeting.

Old Business

Gibson park lighting update informed council that there is a problem with the light near the tunnel to skate park. Light had been broken and needed to be replaced concern for future vandalism.

Other Business

Tracy Helk spoke about pea pods and the new community garden that was being put into place along with the help from Headstart.

Great Falls Christian Center spoke on adopting 100 families as a community outreach program.

Painted traffic boxes on 8th and 2nd Ave N. as well as 5th and 2nd were discussed as possible vandalism.

Approval of January Minutes

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm