

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
DISTRICT 8
Thursday, February 16, 2012
Great Falls Transition Center, Women's Annex**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Grove, Mike Brainard, Justin Lanes

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Carlie Boland

NEIGHBORS PRESENT: Art Dickhoff and Jan Carter

GUESTS PRESENT: Patty Cadwell, GFPD Officer Travis Palmer, Toni Nelson, Art Dickhoff, Michael Rausch

The meeting was called to order by Karen Grove at 6 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following officers were elected by unanimous voice ballot
Karen Grove- Chair
Justin Lanes- Secretary
Official Delegate to Council of Councils- Rotating position between Karen Grove and Justin Lanes
Police Advisory Board- Mike Brainard

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion to approve November's meeting minutes by Justin Lanes, seconded by Mike Brainard; approved as written

Council Vacancy- Patty Cadwell informed the council that Rick Thomas would be resigning due to a pending move.

Council of Councils report- Karen Grove reported that work on the Large Vehicle Ordinance will be put off until later this spring. Dave Bowen, Great Falls new Police Chief, was introduced at the meeting and Toni Nelson presented on behalf of the Cascade County Conservation District

NEW BUSINESS:

New Bylaws were presented by Patty Cadwell for the council members to review. They will be voted on during March's meeting.

Community Policing- Officer Travis Palmer presented statistics from the past 3 months. He said that the neighborhood was quiet overall. There were numerous traffic stops and a few issues with vandalism. He also mentioned that the police department has many Neighborhood Watch signs to replace old ones throughout town but the department does not currently track the locations of where all the signs are posted. Citizens that notice signs needing replacement can contact the Special Projects office in the police department.

Overlook at Black Eagle Falls- Art Dickhoff presented a proposal to construct a new overlook over Black Eagle Falls. Approximately 8 years ago he presented the plan but it was put on hold until River Rd would be re-paved. The project will require a partnership between the City of Great Falls, Montana Department of Transportation and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Cascade County Conservation District- Toni Nelson gave an in depth presentation on the Cascade County Conservation District. CCCD helps the community with numerous projects such as: tree sales, land owner maps, Living on the Land workshop, Realtor workshops, water right workshops and educational programs in the local schools. Because a portion of the City of Great Falls does not fall within the boundaries of CCCD after July 1 they will no longer be able to offer education assistance programs to Great Falls High School, 10 of the 15 elementary schools and all of the private schools. She has started a petition to have this portion of Great Falls added to the CCCD. Citizens who would like to sign the petition can

Motion to adjourn by Mike Brainard, second by Justin Lanes; meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Members of the council would like to express their appreciation to the Great Falls Transition Center for their hospitality and use of their facility.

Next meeting scheduled for March 15, 2012 (re-scheduled to March 22, 2012)