

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #5 MEETING  
February 20, 2012  
Great Falls Clinic Specialty Center  
3000 15th Avenue South

Council Members Present: Eric Ray, Terry Albrecht, "Mac" McFadden, Gloria Bedker

There was a quorum present and the meeting was called to order at 7:00pm followed by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The January minutes were read and Terry made the motion to approve them with Mac seconding with one correction: the November 2011 minutes were not approved last month because there was a new council in January!

Terry reported on the City Commission meeting he attended and felt the Commissioners were very receptive to his comments. Two items: the dirt problem caused by Cascade Ridge and Grandview for the residents of Devonshire and surrounding houses and also the school bus situation which he has received confirmation that it has been solved.

Dick Marberg, unit 48 in Devonshire Townhouses expressed concern about the heavy traffic use along 11th Avenue South.

Mac attended the Council of Councils meeting and felt like it is just being "talked about" for the large vehicle ordinance to ever be passed! Lots of discussion on this and the Council hopes the Commissioners will surely move on this ordinance - sometime in our life time!!

Andrew Finch, GF Transportation Planner, presented an idea to negotiate with Grand View to build a 10' wide paved trail in Russell Park. After much discussion, it was decided along the south side of the developed part of Russell Park would be the best placement for it. This is just in the "thinking stage" but Andrew will keep us informed.

Mac will be on the Police Advisory Board. Eric will represent our Council tomorrow night at the City Commission meeting. Carol Gilmore, 3425 12th Avenue South asked why 33rd street between Devonshire and 14th is not paved.

Because it is not annexed into the city.

New business was mostly about Neighborhood Watch program and getting it activated again. Eric has talked with Fred Burow, Bill Bronson and Mayor Winters and all seemed receptive to this. Carol Gilmore, Neighborhood Watch coordinator said it is now under Homeland Security. Eric suggested our Council spearheads this in our Council area and there will be a meeting Wednesday, March 7, 2012. Eric will see about Mountain View school availability and will ask the Great Falls Police Department and US Postal Service to attend also and be part of the program.

Patty Cadwell will print fliers and Steve Fitzpatrick said there are 500 houses in our council. We will hand deliver them! Gloria made motion to adopt Neighborhood Watch, Terry seconded it and motion carried.

Leon Lenz, #51 in Devonshire said dirt is still a HUGE problem-is piling up in driveways and doorways. Eric will call Frank Soltz/Benefits about this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. Next meeting March 19, 2012, same time & place.

Gloria Bedker, Secretary