

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #5
Monday, March 16, 2015 – 7:00 pm
Great Falls Clinic Specialty Center, 3000 15th Ave So

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Ray with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Gloria Bedker, Terry Albrecht, Eric Ray, and Marcia Anderson. Mac McFadden was ill. There were 18 neighbors present including Sgt. Brian Slavic, GFPD, and Joe Patrella, Park and Recreation Director

NEW BUSINESS:

Sgt. Brian Slavik of GFPD gave the quarterly police report. He asked, “Do you know your neighbors? The motto of the PD is “Police are public, the public are the police. Crime is down, but will go up with the onset of good weather. To help deter crime: trim trees away from buildings, light the property, close your garage door, lock your car, and be sensible.

Joe Patrella, the new director of Great Falls Park and Recreation came to meet the neighbors. He wants a master plan for the parks and recreation developed. Have the Park and Rec Emblem at all city facilities. There needs to be community involvement; the plan must come from the people. We all have a passion for “our” park, they must be user friendly and cost efficient. The path connecting Benefis to Russell park will be concrete and 8 feet wide, hopefully completed this year.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The question was asked about camping in State Parks? Can we do something about this instead of Walmart Parking lot?

The East End Development plans will go before the City Council tomorrow. Ground breaking is expected in late August or early September. This can be viewed on Channel 190

***There will be a joint fact finding meeting (What do we want in the development?) of Councils 4 & 5 on April 30, at 7:00 pm at Lewis and Clark Elementary. Refreshments will be served. More information next meeting.

There is a lot of garbage from the construction of the Talus Apartments along the fence by Central High School.

The traffic on 24th and 26th is very heavy with the change of shifts at the medical facilities. These streets are to be widened and traffic signals installed.

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes were read and approved on a motion by Terry and second by Gloria.

Reports: Gloria reported that we have tentatively picked a spot for the new Little Free Library. She will work with Kathy Mora on completing this project. More children’s books are needed.

Brian Slavik and Eric are meeting with Neighborhood Watch prospects in other areas.

Eric sent a letter to the developers of Cascade Ridge about concerns for the upcoming construction. Don Sterhan of MT Plains Equity Group, Peter Gray of Benefis and the Site forman from Sletten will be at our meeting on April 20th.

The petition concerning the intersection of 32nd St and 11th Ave So will be brought to the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting will be April 20, 7:00 pm. The main topic will be the addition to Cascade Ridge.

ADJOURN The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 on a motion by Gloria and second by Terry.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Anderson, Secretary