

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #5  
Monday, September 21, 2015 – 7:00 pm  
Great Falls Clinic Specialty Center, 3000 15<sup>th</sup> Ave So

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

**ROLL CALL:** Members present: Terry Albrecht, Eric Ray, Gloria Bedker, and Marcia Anderson. Mac McFadden was absent. There were 15 neighbors present including Brad Livingston.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Brad Livingston gave an informative talk on Statewide Disaster Preparedness. He related that 90% of the firemen in Montana are volunteers. While they are very good, they are not adequately prepared for a major disaster. Every County has a disaster emergency manager. The State has \$20,000,000 for disasters, but only available for public property. The rest comes from FEMA, because the State does not pay. His committee has worked on setting a baseline on emergency management. We need to work together. He stated five areas of disaster facing us today: 1. Cyber criminals, who steal identities and hack into systems and take personal data. 2. Nation States that compromise national issues, i.e. someone like Russia, China, and ISIS shutting down the national electric grid. 3. Earth quakes. 4. School safety. 5. Home grown extremists.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Approve Minutes: The minutes were read and approved on a Motion by Terry and second by Gloria.  
Reports: Terry reported on the Police Advisory Board; Neighborhood Council #9 noted the SRO at Great Falls High School is doing a great job. Part of the punishment for offences is cleaning up the neighborhood. Video cameras used by the school district are very effective. Drug use is escalating, especially meth use. Traffic control around town is a concern and identifying places where injury accidents occur is taking place. The FBI is back in town with an office at the Police Station. The Holman building across from the Federal Court House is still a concern. The next Coffee with a Cop will be at Schulte's on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 1:00.

The path in Russell Park has been inspected and the issue of the bumps will be addressed by the company that did the paving. This should be taken care of soon. The bike racks will not be set in concrete and we will address the issue of cleaning and painting them in the spring.

The summer social was attended by over 40 people. Ice cream and cake were served. A good time was had by all.

The intersection at 32<sup>nd</sup> St and 11<sup>th</sup> Ave So is still being studied. We do not know what else we can do to obtain an All Way Stop to be installed for everyone's safety.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Tracy Houck gave a short talk on her campaign for City Commissioner and urged everyone to get out and vote.

Set agenda for future meetings

**NEXT MEETING** –The next meeting will be Oct 19<sup>th</sup> with Park and Rec Director Joe Patrella speaking. In November we will have the City County Health Director speak. There will not be a meeting in December. In January we will have Kathy Mora from the Public Library as our speaker.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned by Eric at 8:45 on a motion by Gloria and second by Marcia.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Anderson, Secretary