

9/9/15 Neighborhood Council # 2

Meeting called to order by Chair Strickland—saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Acting Secretary Strickland takes attendance; Chair Strickland, Vice-Chair Patera, Mr. McCoy are present, a quorum is established. Secretary Olson and Al Ferderer are absent.

****Please note, Secretary Olson had an excused absence and the notes were written using an electronic recording.*

New Business:

- Kenny Volk was present for the candidate forum but had to leave early. Please email kennyvolk@gmail.com for more information.

Other Business:

- Brad Livingston- Commissioner
 - Was a west-sider, 42 years in the Air National Guard and was vice commander of all in 2014.
 - Recruited to run Disaster and Emergency Services but wanted to return to Great Falls to be with his family.
- Bill Bronson- Commissioner
 - Moved to Great Falls in 1966 with his folks.
 - He attended CMR.
 - Running for 2nd term.
 - Policies for next term:
 - Teamwork, must work to find a common ground.
 - Public safety, infrastructure (Natatorium), Amenities like parks and trails
- Rick Tryon- Commissioner
 - Westsider running the Jack Club but grew up S. Side
 - Strengths in running:
 - Teamwork- ran the Government Leader of Realtors
 - Development Process Task Force to streamline the development process
 - Wants a bustling community by leadership and goals
- Tracy Houck- Commissioner
 - Believes our community is bustling compared to when she and her husband arrived and fought to stay in Great Falls through Malmstrom AFB in 1992.
 - Held many positions with Davis Business Machines and spearheaded Crisis Line, worked with Gateway, Center for Mental Health, Voices of Hope, and the Community Garden on 9th.
 - Keys in running
 - Planning
 - Evaluation
 - Open door policy
- Bob Kelly- Mayor
 - Worked with Up With People in Colorado for years- first visited Great Falls on tour with them
 - Finance market for 25 years, currently with DA Davidson
 - Lived in Costa Rica to show his children the value of being an American
 - Works with Great Falls Development Authority.
- Brandon Shepherd- Mayor
 - Is a west-sider attending West Jr. High and CMR

- Has lived in Mexico and Canada with wife and 2 children
- Believes Great Falls is more well off than other communities (like Mexico)
- Keys in running:
 - Building relationships as a group with ideas to benefit the citizens
- Michael Winters- Mayor (Current Mayor)
 - 4th term
 - Transparency and trust
 - High School dropout, joined Air Force for 4 years and received GED, got his Associates in Criminal Justice and Bachelors in Science from the University of Great Falls
 - Worked for the Postal Service for 36 ½ years
 - Sees Great Falls as a healthy growing community
 - The council and him are a team, a family, to get it done
 - Great Falls has character, wants to recoup, redeem our old qualities.
- Questions were asked about attracting industry to town by Bob Mehlhoff.
 - Some answers were (unfortunately due to the recording I was unable to decipher who answered)
 - Present ourselves to be appealing, stop having a poor me attitude
 - Market Great Falls and be proud of the City
 - Try to get in a medical center, a law center
 - Pride in ownership
 - Return people to Great Falls

No Neighborhood Concerns

Old Business

- Approval of June minutes as written, Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve, Vice-Chair Patera 2nd.
- Holman:
 - Letter from lawyer Greg Smith
 - Chair Strickland will present to Council of Councils stating we tried and got a letter from the lawyer (meeting 10/27)
 - Craig and Sara have planned to call Greg Smith and discuss the ordinances with him.
 - After CoC meeting and hearing from Craig and Sara the next step is to get petitions signed and letters sent in about it being a nuisance.
- West Kiwanis:
 - 2 lights will be placed, contracts and permits being signed.
 - Our trees are alive
- Police Advisory Board Meeting was not attended, however Vice-Chair Patera spoke to Andrew Finch and they will not paint the curbs leaving Hay man to park where he pleases. We asked Mr. McCoy to bring this up at the next PAB meeting. Iterant vendor violation.
- West Levy Update:
 - Sandy updated us saying that the annual maintenance was completed. The drainage and pipes were inspected may 12, 2015 for \$50000
 - One of the inspectors had original engineered our levy
 - FEMA Recertification was in June and July and she was able to get the new contacts for Daines and Zinke offices

Vice Chair Patera made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McCoy 2nd the motion. Our next meeting will be October 14th, 2015 at 7pm. West Elementary Library- please note the room change.

Respectfully submitted, Brittany R. Olson