

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #8  
MINUTES—NOVEMBER 16 2015**

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chairman Karen Grove as we joined in the Pledge to the flag. Additional Council members in attendance: Barbara Going and Robin Schreiner. Absent: Liz Bowen and Mike Brainard. Also in attendance, Patti Cadwell, three adult guests and five high school students.

**MSC** to approve the October minutes.

**Committee Reports:**

Police Advisory Board: Board is being reorganized. Committee members who are appointed to serve will have to have background checks.

Council of Councils met on October 27. Of the nine neighborhood councils, five had full slates for the November election. All councils present spoke on issues of concern or events in their area. Council #2 has a petition for action to be taken by the owner of the Holman Bldg to bring it up to code.

Swearing in of newly elected council members is Dec. 15, 2015, at 5:30 pm in the Civic Center's Commission Chambers.

There is a training session scheduled for January 11, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the Missouri Room at the Civic Center.

**New Business:**

Officer Matt Fleming shared the quarterly statistics on the community police issues in our neighborhood council area as well as statistics from other neighborhoods. The fact that the total of suspicious calls was high indicates that people in this area are vigilant. Traffic issues were our highest number of incidents. Although the percentage of drug violations is low it is still a serious issue.

Russell Dickoff was present to make us aware of the ground breaking for the new Black Eagle Overlook Park on Tuesday, Dec. 1st at 1:30. This is a \$60,000 project that has been paid before the work begins--a nice asset to our neighborhood and the city of Great Falls. A project spearheaded by Mr. Dickoff.

Deborah Kottel explained the St. Vincent DePaul and Gateway venture to establish a transitional housing for homeless Vets at the building at 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. North and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, across from Foothills Christian School. It was once a monestary and then a home for women in recovery. It has been vacant for the past five years. Since this building is in our neighborhood council area she asked if we would support a Conditional Use Permit request from the city. The house needs work and she explained how various groups could sponsor the remodeling of one of the ten rooms.

**MSC** that we support the Conditional Use Permit for the building at 2211 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. North to be used by St Vincent DePaul and Gateway as housing for homeless vets.

Next meeting: January 21, 2016

**MSC** to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm

Barbara Going, acting secretary