

Great Falls Citizens' Council
Council of Councils Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2015

The meeting was opened by Sandra Guynn, Neighborhood Council #4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gibson Room in the Civic Center with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Delegates present: Sue Ann Strickland, Neighborhood Council #2; Sandra Guynn, Neighborhood Council #4; Eric Ray, Neighborhood Council #5; Carl Donovan, Neighborhood Council #6; Lisa Meyers, Neighborhood Council #7; Karen Grove, Neighborhood Council #8; Barney Danishefsky, Neighborhood Council #9; Commissioner Bill Bronson; and Commissioner Fred Burow.

Councils not represented: Neighborhood Council #1 and Neighborhood Council #3.

Guests: Planning/Community Development Deputy Director Lee Nellis, Planner Gregory Gordos, Mayor Michael Winters, Corky Grove, Patty Cadwell and 1 unidentified student.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Minutes** from the January 27, 2015 meeting were presented and the vote to accept the minutes as presented was unanimous.
2. **Update of Holman Building**-Council #2 Sue Strickland reported her Council had received information from the Community Development Department that Mr. Holman had agreed to do some cosmetic work on the building located on Central Avenue West. The Council voted to send him a letter thanking him for his promise and offering any help they could give. Sue reported also that they would revisit the issue if Mr. Holman did not keep his promise.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Neighborhood Council #3 Resolution (attached) – Rich Calsetta**
Mr. Calsetta was not present to give a report.
2. **Neighborhood Council #7 request for code information on mobile vending units – Lee Nellis, Deputy Director and Gregory Gordos, Planner, Planning/Community Development Department**
Delegate Lisa Meyer explained Neighborhood Council #7 was interested in knowing what was allowed especially in light of the recent announcement that the Park and Ponder in Gibson Park was going to be demolished. Additionally, the Council members had heard there may have been conflicts with vendors wishing to participate in Alive at Five.

Planner Gregory Gordos presented information (PowerPoint presentation attached) on food cart and mobile vending unit local ordinances. Mr. Gordos indicated the current codes left room for better and clearer definitions, interpretations and implementation.

Lee Nellis indicated his department was intending to revise the current ordinances to be more adaptive to current and future uses.

Motion: Lisa Meyers made a motion the Planning/Community Development Department look into streamlining and shoring up the current ordinances so that vendors may pursue mobile vending opportunities in Great Falls. Chairperson Sandra Guynn called for a second to the motion and a vote. **The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

3. Sue Ann Strickland made an announcement about an upcoming meeting regarding the FAA sound maps and future mitigation funding.

OTHER BUSINESS

Individual Council Sharing

1. Council #1 Delegate not present.
2. Sue Ann Strickland said the Holman Building was the main consideration of the Council at present. She also announced the Council was now meeting at the Staybridge Suites. She also mentioned the Council was seeking a member to fill a vacancy.
3. Council #3 Delegate was not present.
4. Sandra Guynn reported her Council had heard an owner of county property adjacent to city property had intentions to build storage units but not to annex. She also said another county storage facility was planned on 57th Street South. Additionally, CHS, Inc. was working to annex their property into the City. Sandra mentioned the Community Forum sponsored by Councils 4 and 5 had been effective in opening discussion about further development at the East Retail location as well as in other parts of town.
5. Eric Ray reported rumors of future development in the east end of Great Falls were frequent. He believes the Community Forum was effective and offered a great opportunity for residents to give input. He also praised Jeremiah Johnson from the Great Falls Development Authority who helped facilitate the forum discussion.
6. Carl Donovan announced his Council would be having an Ice Cream Social on June 3 in Sunnyside Park. He said his Council is very active in recruiting for Neighborhood Watch and would be doing so at the Ice Cream Social.
7. Lisa Meyers said her Council is involved in promoting downtown vitality. She mentioned the Council was also interested in reestablishing the Neighborhood Watch program. Lisa was asked if her Council had concerns about the closure of Asurion. Bill Bronson offered information by saying the building would be open until December but the job losses would be significant. Additionally, the City would lose revenue from losses of customers in the parking garages.
8. Karen Grove reported Council #8 had not had a quorum at their last meeting so would probably have a June meeting to talk about their Ice Cream Social. Council members had planted flowers in Memorial Park.
9. Barney Danishefsky reported Council #9 will partner with the 1st Church of the Nazarene to hold a BBQ and ice cream social on July 17. The Council #9 meetings had been mostly involved with problems at Great Falls High School.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. **Neighborhood Concerns:** There were no concerns.
2. Mayor Winters praised the efforts of the 7th and 8th grade students from East Middle School who had raised significant funds for the March of Dimes.
3. Patty Cadwell reminded the delegates to file for reelection by July 2.
4. Sandra and Bill Bronson mentioned funding for MSU's Local Government Program had been continued by this year's legislature.

A motion and second were made to close the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

The next Council of Councils meeting will be held Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Cadwell, Neighborhood Council Coordinator