

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #5
Monday, April 18, 2016 – 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 at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Mac McFadden, Terry Albrecht, Eric Ray, Gloria Bedker, and Marcia Anderson. There were 30 neighbors present, including Laura Merchant and Erin Merchant from Community Health Improvement Plan, and Gunner Vandermans from Benefis.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gunner Vandermans from Benefis addressed concerns about the completion of promises about several issues from the neighbors, including: completing the path to connect to Russell Park, the Hedge care at Cascade Ridge, weeds – mowing and spraying, the orange pipes, gophers and voles, neighbors watering and mowing next to their yards, picking up garbage and tumbleweeds. Snow being piled on the sidewalk instead of in the field. If there are further concerns call Gunner or Peter Gray.

Laura Merchant and Erin Merchant gave an interesting and informative presentation on the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The four priorities for the plan are: Achieving and maintaining a healthy weight, substance abuse and prevention, access to care, and child abuse and neglect. Additional information may be obtained from Tanya Houston, Health Officer of the Cascade City-County Health Department at houston@casadecountymt.gov or visit www.cchdmt.org.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Parking on 29th St is better since the Clinic employees are parking on the east side of the street. Andersen construction still occupies several parking places in the lot.

Thank you to Andrew Finch in his work to get the path completed connecting the Park to 29th St.

Craig Raymond reviewed the building permit with Benefis to see what is left to be completed.

1st Stores construction is progressing and they have been contacted about our park picnic.

Walmart construction has begun.

Reconstruction of the intersection of 32nd and 10th Ave So is scheduled to begin May 23.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve Minutes: The minutes were approved on a motion by Gloria and second by Terry.

Reports: Russell Park: Eric, Lonnie, Jake, Gloria and Don walked the path in the park. Issues are gophers, poison in holes. Permission granted to remove suckers on trees. Two dead trees need to be removed. The tree windbreak between the school and park, is either city or school district responsibility. New wood chips have been added to the playground. May-April cleanup is scheduled for May 21 and June 4.

Neighborhood Watch: A survey was distributed. Please complete it and return it at the next meeting, May 16, 2016. Marcia will email a reminder.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mitch Tropila, candidate for County Commissioner, gave a short talk.

NEXT MEETING –The next meeting is May 16, 2016

Speakers will include Tammy Lacy with information on the School Dist. Bond Issue, Community Policing Officer, and Heather Palermo from the Great Falls College MSU Summer Programs.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 on a motion by Gloria and second by Terry.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Anderson, Secretary