

## Minutes of the September 14 ,2016 Neighborhood Council #2

The meeting was called to order 7:03 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A quorum was established with Chair Olson, Vice Chair Patera, Sue Ann Strickland, and Al Ferderer present. As Mr.McCoy is not present, Ms .Patera will act as secretary.

Chair Olson reminded all attendees about Roberts Rules and public record rules. She reminded all neighbors to state their name and address for the record

Mike Dalton Sunrise Unlimited presented about the status of the Westside Orchard Community Gardens. He presents yearly and gives Neighborhood Council 2 updates about community partnerships fostered by all who use the community garden as well as efforts to educate Boys and Girls Club members and other community about the importance of fresh food. Saint Vincent De Paul has begun to collect foods that would be dumped in to the landfill. He spoke of the development of the learning center, development of the pole barn. A new garden manager has supervised garden growth, composting is occurring. A green house system will break ground next spring.

Mr. Dalton spoke about a coming event Gardens for Garbage happening on September 25, 2016 from 3-5 PM.

Pastor Art Hernandez from Triumph Baptist next spoke about happenings in regards to their congregation community. The church is located at 500 2nd Avenue South West. He spoke about Bus Ministries, Teen Youth Groups and Building renovations. Promotions to attend Triumph will be outside the church and along the parking lot fence. Pastor Hernandez invited neighbors and the community to Triumph's Thanksgiving dinner on November 17 , 2016. He spoke about a week long camp that take place at Camp Rotary. The next one will take place July 24-28 2016. Pastor Hernandez said that church attendance is varied.

Phil Facenda spoke on behalf of Citizens for Better Schools. During his presentation he focused on his concerns for the Great Falls High School campus, Longfellow, and Roosevelt Schools. He presented alternative plans to the neighbors present. He spoke about contract awarding concerns, planning concerns, load-bearing walls as well as parking concerns at Great Falls High School and Roosevelt schools. Jan Cahill presented arguments for the school bond and gave his contact information.

Petitions Diane Muich 2207 5th Avenue South West - A lot of people are using our lots as junk yards. Chair Olson reminded everyone about the citizens complaint form. If this address is not in city limits , county commissioners Jane Weber and Joe Briggs are urged to be contacted. Marianne brought of concerns with boulevards and trees. She asked whom in the city to contract regarding this issue. Chair Olson and Sue Ann Strickland urged her to contact Ms. Debbie Kimball and gave Marianne her contact phone.

Russ Verbael raised concerns about levy access. Sandy Mares presented on her work on behalf of the Westside Flood District and the reasons why there may be differences of interpretation regarding levee access and property owners .

During Old Business: Neighborhood Council 2 , revisited the April minutes No Council minutes may stand in draft form. Chair Olson bought in a revised draft copy. Sue Ann Strickland made a motion to accept the revised draft minutes. Sandy Mares also reminded Chair Olson that the minutes should reflect the Neighborhood Council 2 approved April minutes after discussion and corrections unanimously. Council then turned to the approval of the June Minutes. There were grammatical errors as well as spacing errors . Council voted to table approval of June meeting minutes because Mr. Mc Coy is not present.

Chair Olson presented on the Police Advisory Board. The police K-9 program has been discontinued. Chair Olson also spoke on Neighborhood Council 6's gang presentation.

On the Holman petition, Chair Olson congratulated council and community members on recent developments regarding the Holman Building.

Sandy Mares gave a brief update about the Westside flood district beyond what was discussed by herself and Mr. Verbael during concerns and petitions regarding levee access

The meeting was adjourned at 9PM

Next meeting 7PM 12 October 2016 West Elementary Library