

MINUTES
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
DISTRICT 2
Wednesday, May 9, 2012

ATTENDANCE: Dorothy Schmidt, Phyllis Hemstad, Kelly Manzer, Bob Mehlhoff and Sue Strickland. All members present to make a quorum.

Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm by Chairperson Phyllis Hemstad.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Motion M/S/P to approve April meeting's minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

West Levee Update: Bob stated levee issues were in 'hold' position regarding PAL agreement.

R1 Zoning: A brief discussion regarding the letter from Mike Haynes to Mr. Flemming dated April 30 ensued. No other activity at this time.

West Bank Park: Phyllis would like to update a letter from 2007 (council of councils) and resend to city commissioners requesting they review the 1995 Park Master Plan for park improvements.

Phyllis advised of a \$100,000 grant available from Rotary Club to be used for a children's play area.

Large Motor Vehicle Ordinance: This ordinance was initiated by the Council of Councils. There is no progress on this ordinance to date. Sue recommended that it be pursued at the next Council of Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Community Policing Officer: Officer Jeff Bragg reviewed annual statistics for our area. The numbers appear to be stable compared to last year. He mentioned a few new ideas from the Chief that may be initiated within the next 18 months. Speeding on Central Ave. West, especially the large United Material trucks, and 4th Ave. SW. was mentioned. Officer Bragg advised that the "cop in a box" was no longer functioning and our area had only 1 officer available per shift. He would mention the concerns to United Materials supervisor.

Kelly mentioned the repeated thefts from clinic on Central Ave. West and increased traffic due to Fox Farm area road construction. Officer Bragg advised that the transients living under Central Ave. West bridge are slowly being move out by GFPD.

Jane Weber: Candidate for County Commission: Jane gave a brief presentation of her bios and qualifications for county commissioner position.

Complete Streets Movement: Patty Rearden gave an informative presentation on Complete Streets project. She discussed the health, safety and economic benefits to the community with this project.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council of Council meeting will be Wed., May 30, 2012.
Phyllis Hemstad will attend on behalf of NC 2.

Neighborhood Concerns: Mr. Kirk Robinson, 305 9th Ave. SW., expressed concerns and frustration regarding a dog kenneling/training facility located at 305 4th Ave. SW. The kennel (website: squarebuttebrittanys.com) belongs to Terry Courtright. This location has been previously visited by our council in the fall of 2005 after Mr. Courtright approached the council regarding his desire to obtain a kennel license. Mr. Robinson described a lactating bitch running at large at his residence and barking incidents at all hours. Mr. Robinson has contacted Great Falls Animal Control numerous times with little satisfaction. Patty will check into the zoning regulations.

Next Meeting: Motion was M/S/P to have a meeting next month since there are several ongoing issues at hand. The next meeting will be June 13 at the Gibson Room of the Civic Center.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Manzer
Temp. Acting Secretary NC#2