

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
DISTRICT 8
Thursday, May 17, 2012
Great Falls Transition Center, Women's Annex**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Grove, Mike Brainard, Justin Lanes, Carli Boland

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS PRESENT: Patty Cadwell, Alicia Thompson, Greg Pinski, Jane Weber

The meeting was called to order by Karen Grove at 6 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes for the April 19 meeting were approved as written.

Council Vacancy- Barbra Going, 3001 6th Ave N, was nominated to fill the vacant seat and approved unanimously by voice ballot.

NEW BUSINESS:

District Court Judge candidate Greg Pinski introduced himself and gave a brief background of their experience and goals.

Cascade Country Commission candidate Jane Webber introduced herself and gave a brief background of her experience and goals.

A presentation on Complete Streets was given by Alicia Thompson. The goal of Complete Streets is to provide safe, comfortable and convenient travel for everyone (Walking, Bicycling, Auto, Mass Transit). Examples "Incomplete Street" features are those with no signage, poor lights, no/poor/incomplete sidewalk, and no bicycle lane. Data from other cities who have implemented Complete Streets policies show that the lower overall maintenance costs, improve property value, revitalize the area. There will be a Community Open House Discussion on May 23 in the Benefis South Tower.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Memorial Park Flowers- Karen mentioned that Bundy Flowers will donate flowers again this year. She will get the flowers after the Memorial Day weekend and notify other members so we can coordinate a day to plant them.

Ice Cream Social- We will be having the annual Ice Cream Social in July. A date has not been scheduled yet, we are looking at the 3rd Wednesday in July right now. Karen will let us know.

June/July meetings- A unanimous voice vote was made to have no meeting in June and July. Next meeting will be in August.

ISSUES OF NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERN:

None.

Motion to adjourn by Karen Grove, second by Justin Lanes; meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Members of the council would like to express their appreciation to the Great Falls Transition Center for their hospitality and use of their facility.

Next meeting scheduled for August 16, 2012.