

**Neighborhood Council #1
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Fred Rauch, Jesse O'Hara, Lynda Sowell, Jay Russell

Absent: Bill Thomas

OTHERS PRESENT

Patty Cadwell, Bill Taylor, Sue Taylor, Emily Sowell, Keith Ochs, Tylar Chapman, Ida Meehan

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman Fred Rauch

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Commission: no report. Fred will be attending these meetings in the future.

Police Advisory Board: Fred attended the May 17 meeting. Discussed some organizational issues such as having a charter for the board, minutes, quorum, etc. Budget: police dept is short \$600,000. Also discussed how the coming oil boom will affect the community, crime, etc. They need a civilian volunteer coordinator; Billings has 161 volunteers, we only have one. Also discussed the need for a new facility. They also plan to move dispatch to the top of Gore Hill. Next meeting: Sept 20.

Council of Councils: Lynda attended the May 30 meeting, but no report available.

OLD BUSINESS

- Motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2012 meeting by Lynda Sowell and second by Jesse O'Hara; approved with correction to Lynda's name, and add Sue Taylor under others present.

NEW BUSINESS

- Growth Policy Update, City Planner Ida Meehan: a growth policy/comprehensive plan is required by the state; the last update was in 1998, and the current plan will take us through 2025 and is meant to freshen the vision of the city. The process involves extensive community outreach over 9 months. The current process began August 6. It's on the city's website under "Imagine Great Falls."
- Justice of the Peace candidate Mary Jolley did not come to the meeting.
- Fred: Several neighbors in the Alpine / Ferguson Drive neighborhoods have spoken with him about the possibility of having the city pave about 100 yards of Ferguson, to connect the loop on the road. Jim Rearden will hopefully come to our next meeting to address this. Fred will work with Patty to get a flyer out to residents in the area to get their comments.
- Next meeting date: no meeting October 9 as the school is not available; we will meet instead a week later, on October 16, pending verification the school is available.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:38 pm by Jesse O'Hara, second by Lynda Sowell; approved unanimously. Next meeting: October 16, 2012.

Respectfully submitted, Jay Russell, Neighborhood Council District 1 Secretary