

**Neighborhood Council #1  
Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2012**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lynda Sowell, Fred Rauch, Bill Thomas, Jay Russell

**Absent:** Jesse O'Hara,

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Patty Cadwell, Jim Rearden, Alicia Dea, Andrew Leo

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairman Fred Rauch

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*City Commission:* no report.

*Police Advisory Board:* Fred reported on the Sept 20 meeting. Board discussed the effect of the Bakken oil boom heading this direction. So far, so good – it is progressing slowly, but it will never be as big as what is happening in the Williston basin. There is already a man camp near Conrad. Wind development is going strong. The city building by the airport (old FAA bldg) could become the 911 call center. Still considering a volunteer coordinator to encourage a police dept volunteer program, which would take off some of the budget pressures.

*Council of Councils:* Lynda reported they discussed the growth policy, and a presentation on the Neighborhood Watch program.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2012 meeting by Bill Thomas and second by Lynda Sowell; approved as written.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Jim Rearden made a brief presentation on the situation with Ferguson Drive. Fred Rauch brought two concerns from neighbors in the area. First, signage is confusing as Ferguson is a circular drive, and it intersects Alpine Drive twice, causing a lot of confusion. A suggestion to alleviate the problem is to correct street signs, and Jim will look into that.

Second, there is a 300 foot gap that would be good to pave if possible. Fred said traffic is currently being routed pretty exclusively between Fox Farm and Flood Roads, through Alpine Drive and East Fiesta. By paving the Ferguson gap, that would provide an alternate route. However, it was somewhat questionable whether that would be effective, as the new route would be somewhat convoluted and not a very direct route. In addition, the cost would be around \$60,000 - \$65,000, and normally paid by a developer. As construction has slowed, it could be several years before his happens, and the city does not have the funds to pave this outside the normal process.

Jim will look into both issues.

**ADJOURN**

**Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:37 pm by Bill Thomas, second by Lynda Sowell; approved unanimously. Next meeting: December 11, 2012.**

Respectfully submitted, Jay Russell, Neighborhood Council District 1 Secretary