

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #5
Monday, April 15, 2013 – 7:00 pm
Great Falls Clinic Specialty Center, 3000 15th Ave So

CALL TO ORDER: Gloria Bedker, vice chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the pledge of allegiance was said.

ROLL CALL: Gloria Bedker, Duane “Mac” MacFadden, Terry Albrecht, Marcia Anderson were present. Eric Ray was absent due to family business. 24 neighbors were present including guests Brian Slavik, GFPD; Samantha Huffman, Volunteer Coordinator for GFPD; Woodie Gay; and Aaron Pursell, Chicken Ballot Petition

NEW BUSINESS:

Gangs in Great Falls & Community Policing- GFPD Bryan Slavik: Calls are down as usual this time of year. Most of the calls involved the 10th Ave So corridor.

There are 13 known gangs in GF. Since there is zero tolerance for graffiti, there is little in the area. If graffiti appears on your property you have 72 hours to remove it after you have reported it to the police. Gang graffiti usually includes letters and numbers, more artistic tag art sometimes appears.

Samantha Huffman was introduced as the volunteer coordinator for the GFPD. Volunteers will probably help with reports of abandoned vehicles, monitor inmate calls and work with evidence. They would work in pairs, receive training, have a uniform, and cars with lights. Donations are always welcome to help fund the program.

Heren Park Neighborhood Project – Woodie Gay gave many good suggestions for raising funds for the repairs needed in Russell Park, including garage sales; bake sales; grants from Walmart, Sam’s Club, Home Depot, Montana Rail Link, matching funds from Park & Rec; raffles of items like hunting rifles and TV’s, selling tickets at places of business like Ace and Big R; advertising in the paper and public service announcements on radio (KMON) and TV

Petition for Chickens – Aaron Pursell presented information concerning putting the petition for chickens on the ballot in November. A signature on the petition just allows the issue to be put on the ballot. Six hens would be allowed in specific habitat. A charge of \$50/yr would be assessed.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (Resident concerns, questions, comments)

Carol Gilmore reported on the Block Captain for Neighborhood Watch on March 28. Nine captains were in attendance. Those not present met at a later date.

The Zadick property is being cleaned up. The bricks have been sold and the wood sawed into chunks and removed.

The pallets were burned and the barn cleaned out. It was mentioned that Bob is interested in selling his property. Gail Dean expressed concerns about the traffic on the corner of 32nd St and 11th Ave So. Traffic has increased since the study in 2009. Delivery trucks make visibility limited. It was suggested to have Jerry McKinley come and talk to us about a site study.

A concern about the safety of the intersection of 18th Ave So and Mountain View Dr was stated. This site should probably also be studied.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve March, 2013 Minutes: Mac moved to accept the minutes, Terry seconded. They were approved
Reports

- 1) City Commission: None
- 2) Police Advisory Board: Mac said that Brian and Samantha covered everything. False alarms for security systems are becoming a problem. Six false alarms per year are allowed. On the sixth time, a ticket is issued. You will receive a letter after the third alarm. Volunteers will be used to monitor these.

Park Committee Discussion: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mapril cleanup: The date was changed from April 22th to May 4th at 10:00
Set agenda for future meetings

NEXT MEETING – May 20 ,2013, 7:00 pm, Great Falls Clinic Specialty Center, 3000 15th Ave So

ADJOURN Mac moved to adjourn and Terry seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Anderson, Secretary