

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #5
Monday, July 16, 2013 7:00 pm
Great Falls Clinic Specialty Center, 3000 15th Ave So

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Eric Ray with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm

ROLL CALL: Members present: Eric Ray, Mac MacFadden, Terry Albrecht, Gloria Bedker, and Marcia Anderson along with 26 neighbors, including Matt Ekstrom, and Jana Cooper

NEW BUSINESS: Matt Ekstrom, supervising engineer for Morrison Maierle, Inc., presented information on the building of the Talus Apartment Homes between 23rd and 26th streets, south of 21st Ave So. (this avenue will be constructed along with the apartments) 214 units are planned, containing approximately 730 ft², sold a market rate of \$1.00/ft²; a club house of about 3500 ft² with a pool, health & fitness, and other recreational facilities.

The Planning board will meet August 13

The first reading will be at the City Commission meeting Sept 3

The Public Hearing will be held October 1.

Concerns about the project were voiced:

Dust abatement – put it in the plans

Traffic Studies (24th Ave So is in poor condition from 13th St to 26th St)

What school district will students be in?

Is it taxable property?

Possibly start this fall

We all need to be a part of the planning process. Spread the word.

23rd St and UGF, are they informed?

Local Contractors? – same problems as Grandview and Cascade Ridge?

Utilities – expansion and capacity issues? Contact Jim Rearden, Public Works Dept

Could be finished in one year?

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Resident concerns, questions, comments

There is no extension of 15th Ave So in the immediate future

Call Eric about weeds on foreclosed properties

We need to spread the word about issues and concerns via email and phone calls

32nd St and 11th Ave So

We need to work Police Chief Bowen – Mac will talk to him at Police Advisory Meeting

Next step is probably a petition

Benefis and Russell Park weeds – Canada Thistle, Creeping Jenny and also gophers. Seeds coming in from Benefis construction area

Terry received several complaints about rabbits in the neighborhood

OLD BUSINESS

Approve Minutes-Marcia read the minutes and they were approved with a motion by Mac and second by Gloria

Reports- Gloria reported on the Park Committee. Two meetings were held. A campaign to raise money for the resurfacing of the park path was suggested as “Buy a Square Yard” for \$11 per sq yd. Matching funds are available from the Park Foundation. Marcia agreed to be treasurer of the park funds.

Neighborhood Watch: Carole Gilmour reported that Eric has his street signed up.

NEXT MEETING –September 16, 2013

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Anderson, Secretary