

**Neighborhood Council #1
Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2013**

Members Present: Lynda Sowell, Fred Rauch, Jay Russell, Bill Thomas

Absent: Mike Flaherty

OTHERS PRESENT

Dennis Mora, Patty Cadwell, Kathy Mora, Gilbert Day

CALL TO ORDER

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Commission: no report??

Police Advisory Board: Lynda, please complete this section.

Council of Councils: no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Motion to approve the minutes of the May and November 2013 meetings by Bill Thomas and second by Lynda Sowell; unanimously approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS

- Great Falls Library Director Kathy Mora gave a presentation on the *Little Free Libraries* which consists of a small, outdoor sheltered kiosk containing approximately 15 books. The idea is a free exchange of books – take a book, leave a book. It operates completely on the honor system, using excess or surplus books from the library, and from donated books. She would like to see one *Little Free Library* in each of the nine neighborhood councils throughout the city. It's a program that has seen a lot of success throughout the U.S. She said vandalism has not been much of a problem. She asked if Council #1 would support the program. **Bill Thomas made a motion to support the program, second by Lynda Sowell, and approved unanimously by council members.** Kathy will work with the Parks and Rec. Department to determine placement, although the Council thought Meadowlark Park on Fox Farm Road and Park Garden Road would be a good location. Jay asked Kathy how she plans to promote the program, and Kathy indicated they will do this through signs, flyers, facebook, and the newspaper. They hope to start in Spring, 2014.

Other Business

- The February 11 meeting date at Meadowlark School will not work because of Parent Teacher conferences. The Council did not choose an alternate date, but will take this up at its January meeting.
- The swearing-in ceremony for city commission and neighborhood council members will take place Tuesday December 17 in the Gibson Room at the Civic Center.
- Entry Door to Meadowlark School: we have seen some confusion as to which door will remain open for council meetings. Due to safety issues, the school prefers that the door by the parking lot remain locked, and that we use the front door instead.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:40 pm by Bill Thomas, second by Lynda Sowell; approved unanimously. Next meeting: January 14, 2013, 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jay Russell, Neighborhood Council District 1 Secretary, and Lynda Sowell