

Neighborhood Council #1
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2014

Members Present: Lynda Sowell, Mike Flaherty, Dennis Mora

Absent: Bill Thomas, Neal Dubois

Others Present: Gregg Benson, Charles Sheets, Craig Raymond, Gilbert Day, Mary Willmarth, Andrew Finch, Lee Nellis, Patty Caldwell

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Lynda Sowell

Committee Reports: No committee reports.

Old Business: Approved minutes from the December meeting. Motion made by Mike Flaherty, 2nd by Dennis Mora. Minutes unanimously approved as written.

New Business: election of council officers. Lynda Sowell nominated as Council chair, vote carried 3-0
Dennis Mora nominated as secretary, vote carried 3-0. The official delegate election was postponed until all committee members were present.

- Lee Nellis from Planning/Community Development introduced his staff and briefed those in attendance about current and future developments going on within the city of Great Falls. For plans and projects discussed please see attachment.
- Discussion took place over the new city ordinance coming into effect at the end of the 2015 year and the impacts it will have on neighborhood businesses. Dairy Queen in particular has compliance issues, as well as Lucky Lils Casino. Others in the area such as Beef O'Brady's and the Heritage Inn are either in compliance or chose to grandfather in. Discussion also took place about the issues some businesses have complying with franchise requirements and city ordinances.
- Planning and Community development also addressed the congestion issues with the Fox Farm intersection, particularly during peak traffic hours. Only two entrance/exits exist in the neighborhood (intersection 0 and Fox Farm intersection). Possible fixes should the issue become more significant are a light at the Park Garden/Fox Farm intersection to break up the traffic flow, or making the Fox Farm street into a 4 lane from 10th Ave. So. to Park Garden.
- Review of By Laws was tabled until Feb. meeting in order to allow council members time to review.

Other Business: Mary Willmarth addressed the council about the new airport sound contours renewal. The consulting firm for the project will be holding a public meeting next week and is inviting public comment. The first meeting will be on Jan. 22nd at 5:30 in the Panorama Room. Mary asked for two members of the council to volunteer for the event, Lynda Sowell and Mike Flaherty volunteered.

- Patty Caldwell notified the council that Meadowlark library will not be available to the council on Feb. 11th. The Tuesday before (Feb. 4th) and after (Feb. 18th) are available. All council members present agreed upon the 18th of Feb.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made at 7:50 p.m. by Dennis Mora seconded by Mike Flaherty
Approved unanimously. Next meeting scheduled for Feb. 18th at 7 p.m.