

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #5
Monday, February 17, 2014 – 7:00 pm
Great Falls Clinic Specialty Center, 3000 15th Ave So

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Eric Ray with the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Terry Albrecht, Eric Ray, Gloria Bedker, and Marcia Anderson along with 11 neighbors including Jim Adkins from CERT. Mac McFadden was absent.

NEW BUSINESS: Jim Adkins from the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) gave a report on the history and origins of CERT. They offer a class once a year for training. Cert offers first aid at various events around the county and works with local police and fire departments. They have trained 150 to 160 people with about 50 of them being responders, 20 of those are regulars.

This year's class will be held Apr 29, 30 and May 1 at the Cascade County DES Office, 521 1st Ave NW. Registration is open to everyone over the age of 18. Class size is limited to about 30, so if interested please contact Jim by phone or email about a week prior to the class ((406-761-5201 or jadkins@bresnan.net) Eric Ray reported on the Volunteer Neighborhood Council Champions. Over the next several months a GFPD volunteer will be assigned to our council. This person will attend all council meetings to act as a more constant channel of communication between the Council and the GFPD. Their main focus is to bring questions, comments, and concerns back to the GFPD so that action may be taken before or at the next meeting. If you would like more information, or would like to get involved with this program please contact Samantha Huffman, Volunteer Coordinator at 405-455-8408, shuffman@greatfallsmt.net.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Resident concerns, questions, comments

Terry Albrecht presented a solar powered stop sign that could possibly help to remind people to stop at the corner of 33rd St and 15th Ave So. Many approaching from the east do not heed the stop sign. It was suggested that this option be presented to Jerry McKinley or Jim Reardon with an offer to raise money to help defray the cost. Research should be done on the number of violations at the stop sign.

Vehicles parked on 33rd and 14th Ave So should be brought to the attention of Heather Rohlf.

Gail Dean is circulating a petition for an all way stop at the corner of 32nd St and 11th Ave So. She plans on getting 100+ signatures.

Cascade Ridge and High Plains Development have no plans to expand in the next four to five years March 4th will be the public hearing for the Great Falls Apartments (Talus) at the regular City Commission meeting

Don Bedker stated that the City Commission appealed to the public for positive reinforcement at the meetings rather than only negative comments.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve Minutes: The minutes were read and corrected on the CERT training that will be offered as stated above in Jim Adkins report. They were approved on a motion by Gloria and second by Terry

Reports: Eric attended the City Commission meeting.

Neighborhood Watch signs will be installed on 32nd St. There is a rapid increase in Watches.

Russell Park: Gloria reported that the signs for the campaign were removed at the request of Janet Haffner. There will be a celebration this summer after the trail is completed. At the same time the connecting path from the Grandview will be completed.

The Little Free Library will be installed by the Gazebo and Gloria will be the steward.

Eric will attend nine meetings on the Master Plan for land use, including the Medical District. Please give Eric any concerns or ideas. They will be working on Land Development Code for the area.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting will be March 17th at the Specialty Clinic at 7:00 pm. The meeting with Council #4 concerning the big box store will probably be in early April.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 on a motion by Gloria and second by Terry.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Anderson, Secretary