

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #5
Monday, May 19, 2014 – 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: Present: Gloria Bedker, Eric Ray, and Marcia Anderson, along with 15 neighbors, including Brian Slavik, Jack King, and Jim Larson

NEW BUSINESS:

Brian Slavik of GFPD gave a community update on police activity. Council #2 is using DDACTS (data about traffic), which gives warnings about blinker use, wide turns, people who should not be in the area to curb criminal activity. The volunteers are targeting abandoned vehicles. Keep your car doors locked to prevent theft. A Neighbor reported seeing the man involved in a recent shoot-out with police and responding officers were on the scene in minutes. Neighborhood Watches work!

Jack King, Democratic House District 23 candidate spoke on his views and positions. He believes that to solve problems, one must be in the middle. Health Care needs to be passed and then fixed. It is a start. He will work to keep public lands and be an advocate for small business.

Jim Larson, Republican candidate for County Commissioner lives on the Diamond Willow Ranch SW of Belt. He ran for the position six years ago. He strongly believes in Malstrom AFB and the Air National Guard are assets for the community. He wants to reinstate the road board for the county.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Resident concerns, questions, comments

Concerning the weed control, plastic snow fence and landscaping at The Grand View, the plastic snow fence has been removed, and the trash has been removed. Landscaping will occur this spring. Seeding of natural grass should decrease the weed problem. The easement being mowed was not addressed.

The power box and phone box with yellow pipes is a concern. The neighbors wondered if anything could be done about it, like painting it like the boxes downtown.

Patty Cadwell stated that the Clinic plans for the new hospital are going before the design review board.

Andrew Aafedt, liaison for GFPD, has had no complaints or concerns to relate to the PD.

Don Petersen reported that the Devonshires will be hosting an AARP driving class this year.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve Minutes: The minutes were read by Marcia and corrected the police statistics were for 2013. Gloria made a motion to accept them and Eric seconded it. The motion was approved

Reports: The Robert Haffner Path in Russell Park will hopefully completed by the end of May. Great Falls Sand and Gravel (Great Falls Readymix) is the contractor. It will take approximately two days. Concerns are: What exactly will be done? Will there be supervision from the City? Patty Reardon should have the contract and details. Eric will contact Patty for details.

The Little Library is up and running. Everyone likes it so far and many seem to be enjoying it.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Sandra Guynn from Council #4 wants to host a meeting of Councils 4 and 5 in October to format our desires for businesses in the East End development. A person on the city staff attends trade shows and we need to give our suggestions.

Eric brought up the topic of having meetings this summer. Most of the neighbors think we should meet. Eric made a motion to have meetings through the summer, Marcia seconded it. The motion passed with a 2 to 1 vote.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting will be June 16th at the Specialty Clinic at 7:00 pm

ADJOURN: Gloria made a motion to adjourn and Marcia seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Anderson, Secretary