

Minutes of May 14, 2014 Neighborhood Council meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

Pledge Of Allegiance

Quorum present: Chair Strickland, Vice Chair Manzer Secretary Patera, Michael McCoy, Brittany Olson

Sargent Bryan Slavik Community Policing

Described Community Policing and Community Activity in Neighborhood Council 2

Described DDACTS traffic and officer policing but encouraged neighbors to be involved.

Traffic and theft are top crime happenings, but suspicious activity was talked about. Neighborhood Council has the lowest number of suspicious activities calls, could be due low vandalism rates in neighborhood. Assaults aggravated or Misdemeanor could not access numbers. Most accidents happened on Central West. 3rd Street NW is in the top 20 for accidents. DUI calls are low only 3.

Narcotics calls are low.

Community questions about DUI (Mr. Melhoff) Meth Arrests and trespass (Sandy) Meth has gone down because Pseudofed can not be bought on shelves. Great Falls has policing activities through the Drug Corridors. Dispatch has a triage for crimes such as trespass. People are given a case number.

Vice Chair Manzer represented the Turf Club and described Turf Club activities and budget.

Calumet: Clean up the environmental property

Soil cleanup rail cars will take 4 weeks to finish. Disaster plans for schools and Calumet

Calumet works with City and Cascade County Disaster planning

Construction work will ramp up throughout the Summer.

Daycar accident (vice chair Manzer) 30 gallons of Hydrogen sulfide residue leaked Calumet deals with this.

Summer Meetings:

West Elementary is not available during Summer months so a motion was called for by Chair Stricklin to suspend meetings unless an urgent matter comes before Neighborhood Council 2 in which we can communicate by email.

Brittany Olson moved and Secretary Patera seconded. A unanimous vote occurred.

Candidate Forum:

Vonnie Brown Democratic candidate for Senate District 11

Ms. Brown is a social worker. She is passionate about mental health care, education as well as Medicaid expansion. Ms. Brown differs with Senator Ed Buttrey with jobs and conservation. She volunteers for the Red Cross.

Robert "Bob" Melhoff Democratic candidate For House District 22

Bob has served on House Appropriations for 3 terms. Representative Melhoff talked about ADF, Great Falls College MSU welding. He successfully was able to appropriate funds for .He also spoke about the school funding bill. He has previously served on Neighborhood Council 2.

Jim Larson Republican Candidate for Cascade County Commissioner

Farms and ranches South of Belt. Ran against Bill Salina and lost. A county commissioner administers laws sent from State of Montana

Roads zoning, bridges, and the fairgrounds. It has been 18 years since Cascade County elected a rural commissioner. The 10 year local government study was discussed.

Eric Bailey Candidate for Justice of the Peace He has serves as deputy sheriff and coroner for 12 years. He hopes to work with 1st and 2nd time offenders. The Justice court handles both civil and criminal cases up \$12,000. Judges have to utilize common sense and the law and its process for good sentences. District courts handle treatment court. A JP needs no legal background, but Mr. Bailey recognizes the need for legal experience

Old Business: PSC meeting on Northwest Energy May 15,2014 at Great Falls College MSU from 5:30 until 9:00 PM in Heritage Hall.

Neighborhood Concerns: Charlie brought up storage unit vandalism and Change of bylaws. Mr. McCoy brought up the Holman Building

Would Mr. Holman meet with NC2? Community development is working on the issue. Mr. McCoy will call Craig Raymond and report in September. Trees are planted in West Kiwanis. Mary Basta's retirement was mentioned.

Graffiti removal brought up by Marianne. Graffiti has been removed.

Bylaws change: Location change under Article 2. Vice Chair Manzer moved that Neighborhood Council 2 strike everything after public meeting. Brittany Olson seconded. A unanimous vote occurred.

Open Meetings: "All Meetings are open to the public and all records maintained by the council shall be available for public inspection."

Vice Chair Manzer moved and Secretary Patera seconded. A unanimous vote occurred.

Staff: Neighborhood Council 2 changed section 5 to read:" all matters respecting the collection or disbursement of any funds by the council shall be the responsibility of the Neighborhood

council upon voted decision of the Neighborhood Council. Mr. McCoy Moved and Brittany Olson seconded.

UNANIMOUS vote

Article 4 Amendments to bylaws : “The bylaws may be amended by four votes of those present at the regular Council meeting providing that notice has been given in accordance with the bylaws. Vice Chair Manzer Moved and Brittany Olson seconded . Unanimous Vote

Sandy provided West Levee flood updates and Corps Of Engine inspections update. Corps of Engineers inspected on May 7,2014.

Kirk brought up Neighborhood nuisance dogs

Meeting Adjourned. Next Meeting September 10,2014