

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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Ray with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm

ROLL CALL: Members present: Mac McFadden, Terry Albrecht, Eric Ray, Gloria Bedker, and Marcia Anderson along with 14 neighbors including Lee Nellis P/CD Deputy Director, and County Commission Candidate Norman Anderson

NEW BUSINESS: Lee Nellis Director of Planning & Community Development gave a report on the Great Falls Parking Proposals. The current system will fail to sustain itself in 2 or 3 years. There has been no significant maintenance in the parking garages in over a decade. \$1.8 million is needed for updates. The Parking Advisory Commission consists of 5 members. There is one vacancy on the commission if anyone is interested.

The proposal is threefold:

1. Courtesy Parking, increase the fee from \$240 to \$400 a year to equal what a meter would bring in.
2. Raising Fines, Double the current fines and escalate them over the number of offenses after one free fine a year.
3. Raise Meter Rates only in the 4th year if the first two items do not improve the situation. Also, increase the costs in the Garages and Surface lots from \$41 to \$50 over three years. Possible charge meters on Saturdays.

The Great Falls Rescue Mission would like to buy the surface lot adjacent to the Mission.

The final proposal will be sent to the City Commission by the end of the month.

Starting in January, fines will be sent to a collection agency, after names are published in the Tribune to collect \$24000 of outstanding fines.

A boot will be attached after 5 days of unpaid fines.

Canadian coin is taken to Canada for exchange.

Court parking needs to be re-evaluated, and Parking Passes need expiration dates on them.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Cascade Ridge has moved the wire fence and ties. The neighbors are in favor of new units if care and maintenance takes place.

There will be no traffic change at the intersection of 10th Ave So and 29th St in reference to the construction

OLD BUSINESS

Approve Minutes: The minutes were read and corrected and approved on a motion by Gloria and second by Terry.

Reports: Eric attended the City Commission meeting and invited them to the Park Celebration

Neighborhood Watch meeting is being planned in conjunction with Mountain View School

The Park Celebration was well attended by about 65 people. Cake and ice cream were enjoyed by all. Thank You's were given to all donors, especially to Janet Haffner-Lynn. The weather was perfect.

Nobby Johnson and Don Bedker talked to Brian Patrick of the GFPS about the bicycle racks for the school.

We should be getting two racks for the park.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Norman Anderson, Candidate for County Commission gave a brief talk about the upcoming election

Eric stated that there will not be a meeting of the Counsel if there is no content. Let him know if you want a speaker.

NEXT MEETING –Our next regular meeting is 7:00 pm, October 20th at the Clinic Specialty Center and a joint meeting with Council #4 is October 27th, 7:00 pm at Lewis & Clark School, concerning input for businesses at the East End Development.

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Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Anderson, Secretary