## **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #5**

Monday, October 20, 2014 – 7:00 pm Great Falls Clinic Specialty Center, 3000 15<sup>th</sup> 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:** Members present: Mac McFadden, Terry Albrecht, Eric Ray and Marcia Anderson. Gloria Bedker was ill. There were 13 neighbors present including Katie Cunningham, Senior Patrolman GFPD (K-9), and Chuck Pankratz of the MT Dept of Revenue.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Katie Cunningham of the GFPD gave an update on crime in the neighborhood for June to September. The incidence of crime is up a little, but mostly in 10<sup>th</sup> Ave So corridor. The volunteers are working on abandoned vehicles. There are currently 70 volunteers in the department.

Chuck Pankratz of the MT Dept of Revenue gave a report on the reappraisal for property taxes. The department does appraisals on a six year cycle. They would like to shorten this cycle. We should be getting a new appraisal notice in summer of 2015. We thank him for all information he passed on to us. You can access the presentation on the Department of Revenue's website.

## PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Resident concerns, questions, comments

The traffic on the corner of 15<sup>th</sup> Ave So and 35<sup>th</sup> St is a concern. Possibly a yield sign would slow down the traffic and make it safer for the children.

There is graffiti on the back of Van's IGA. Eric will call Heather Rolfe about this.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Approve Minutes: The minutes were read and approved on a motion by Mac and second by Terry. Reports: Mac gave a report on the Police Advisory Board. Abandoned vehicles on public property is a concern. Volunteers tag them and a process of removal begins

Carol Gilmour does not wish to be the area Neighborhood Watch Coordinator any longer. Eric and Carol McKittrick will meet with the PTA and 20 people may become block captains.

Russell Park has two bike racks from the school district, one by the gazebo and one by the tennis courts.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

The joint meeting with Council #4 has been postponed because Brett Downey will be out of town and the fuel stop location has been changed and delayed the process by six months.

Mary Jolley, candidate for judge, gave a talk about her campaign.

**NEXT MEETING** –The next meeting will be November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 on a motion by Terry and second by Mac.

Respectfully submitted, Marcia Anderson, Secretary