

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #5
Monday, May 18, 2015 – 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: Eric Ray, Gloria Bedker, and Marcia Anderson. Terry Albrecht and Mac McFadden were absent. There were 30 neighbors present, including Andrew Finch, City of Great Falls Senior Transportation Planner.

NEW BUSINESS:

Andrew Finch, City of Great Falls Senior Transportation Planner, presented insights on some of the upcoming traffic improvements in the city. 21st Ave So is completed at the Talus Apartments. 26th St will be four lanes with sidewalks. Maybe someday 15th Ave So will go through if Benefis gets on board. 24th Ave So, from 26th street to 13th street, will be widened, with a five foot shoulder on both sides, and a bike/pedestrian path on the north side of the avenue. From 29th street through Russell Park there will be an eight foot sidewalk. There will probably not be any signals on 26th St at 15th, 16th or 11th avenues, but possibly at 29th and 10th Ave So. Corrections will be made at 12th Ave So and 47th St.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The trees at the east end of Russell Park were put in by Dennis Haverland's classes in 1991-2 as an Arbor Day project. They are city property. The crew will look into cleaning the area as time permits. Gail Dean was not present to give a report on the petition for an all way stop at 32nd St and 11th Ave So.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve Minutes: The minutes were read and approved on a motion by Eric and second by Gloria.
Reports: Cascade Ridge 2 bids were put out and came in higher than expected. PacWest and Sletten were the low bidders. More tax credits have been applied for. Construction will not begin before July and probably later.
Gloria reported that the Russell Park clean-up was rained out and that the new Little Free Library has been installed by the sidewalk in the Northwest corner of the developed park. More books are needed for both libraries.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Eric will attend the Council of Councils meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2015.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting is June 15, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Specialty Clinic. The speaker will be city forester Todd Seymanski.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Anderson, Secretary