

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #5
Monday, June 15, 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: Mac McFadden, Terry Albrecht, Eric Ray and Marcia Anderson. Gloria Bedker was absent. There were 14 neighbors present including City Forester Todd Seymanski and City Planner Garret Norman.

NEW BUSINESS:

City Forester Todd Seymanski gave a very informative talk on the urban forest including kinds of trees and bushes that do well in the area; watering, fertilizing, pruning, and general care of trees. He talked about “happy trees and things we can do for trees. There was a long question and answer period and everyone learned many things about trees to make life better for them and us as a result. Last year was hard on trees; hopefully this year will be better.

Garrett Norman, city planner, presented the amended plat for Soroptimist Village for 100 ft of solar collectors on south side of their existing property. They needed a building permit and hired a surveyor to aggregate the lots for this purpose. There is no downside to this project.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Cascade Ridge: The bids came in \$400,000 over budget. 1st Interstate Bank is the bank of record. Sletten agreed to provide a bridge loan. Construction will begin mid to late August. Additional Tax Credits have been asked for. The site foreman will attend our July meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Reports: Russell Park Update: The new sidewalk is completed and will eventually connect to 29th St. The soccer goals need to be removed. The Little Free Libraries need books. The library will provide some, but we need to share our books with the neighbors. We are looking at September for a social outing. The tree trimming is completed. The weeds along and in the path are still an issue.

Eric attended the Council of Councils meeting.

Mac reported on the Police Advisory Board. There are 6.2 officers on the street at any one time. Response time is approximately 3 ½ minutes, however, two officers are responding because of the assaults. There will be four more officers available this summer with the SRO’s. Keep your garage doors closed and locked. Put your mail out in the morning instead of in the evening. The department will have six new cars and one new SUV.

OTHER BUSINESS:

We received an invitation to the Talus Apartments Grand Opening on June 25th, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Several of us will attend.

The deadline for filing for election is July 2. We currently have four members filed.

The weeds and lots have been mowed.

NEXT MEETING –The next meeting will be July 20, 2015.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 on a motion by Mac and second by Terry

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Anderson, Secretary