

Neighborhood Council 7

February 8, 2016

Civic Center – Rainbow Room, 7pm

Council Members in attendance were Jim Super, Dustin Gibson, Mark Frisbie and Trevor Mikkelsen. Lisa Meyers was absent. Patty Cadwell Neighborhood Council Coordinator was in attendance as well.

7:03 p.m. Jim Super called the meeting to order and asked Sheila Rice to lead the council in the pledge of allegiance.

Old Business:

Minutes of January meeting were moved to be adopted by Mark seconded by Trevor, Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Downtown Development: No report this month.

Police Report: Mark turned in his application to Tad Kimmet last month but has not been granted approval yet. Mark will email Tad to followup.

Council of Councils: Lisa attended but is absent tonight, so no report is available.

Holman Building Petition was circulated for discussion. Dustin stated he could not support the petition because he did not feel a property owner should be forced to do anything with their property.

New Business:

Jana Cooper from TD&H Engineering provided an update for the Park Master Plan. The desired outcomes are to engage the community and get feedback from a broad range of users and community members. Parks, recreation, facilities and trails are the four focus areas of investigation. Information will be gathered by a statistically significant survey, additional information will be gathered by Survey Monkey. Then analysis will be conducted. The focus of the survey will be:

What are the four most important park or facility features?

What are the four most important programs and services?

What are the top four unmet needs?

Great Falls Police Department Volunteer Program by Adrienne Ehrke

GFPD Volunteers must pass a background check, be of good character and over 18 years of age. Volunteers are asked to do about 200 hours a year. Volunteers currently range in age from 18 to 78. There are many areas that volunteers assist, including junk and abandoned vehicles, monitoring inmate phone calls, assist with evidence, warrants and citizen patrol. There are about 30 active volunteers with plans to expand programs to accommodate about 50 volunteers. The activities of the GFPD Volunteers can be followed on Facebook and Twitter.

Other business:

Sheila Rice with Neighborworks provided information on their home improvement loans which they administer for the City of Great Falls and Cascade County to assist home owners with improvements.

Mark moved to cancel our March meeting due to confirmed absences. Seconded by Dustin. Carried unanimously.

Neighborhood Concerns:

None reported.

Meeting moved to be adjourned by Mark @ 8:54, seconded by Dustin, carried unanimously.

Next meeting April 11, 2016