

**Great Falls Citizens' Council**  
**Council of Councils Meeting Minutes**  
**May 24, 2016**

The meeting was opened by Lisa Meyers, Neighborhood Council #7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gibson Room in the Civic Center with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Delegates present:** Mike McCoy, Neighborhood Council #2; Sandra Guynn, Neighborhood Council #4; Lisa Meyers, Neighborhood Council #7; Karen Grove, Neighborhood Council #8; and Barney Danishefsky, Neighborhood Council #9.

**Delegates and Commissioners not Present:** Delegates from Neighborhood Councils #1, #3, #5 and #6, and the two Commission representatives were not present

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Minutes** from the January 26, 2016 meeting were presented. Sandra Guynn made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Barney Danishefsky seconded. Lisa called for a vote, which was unanimous in favor of acceptance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **GF Park and Recreation Master Plan update** – Park and Recreation Director Joe Petrella reported both the statistically valid and the non-statistically valid surveys have been collected, and Joe gave a preliminary overview of the survey results. The department will create a “vision and mission statement.” Future activities will include a public meeting and a strategic planning meeting of staff to make key recommendations to the Commission. Finalization of the Master Plan is slated for October.
2. **Fireworks Town Hall meeting** – the Mayor’s intention for the meeting was to bring all parties together to discuss current and future fireworks sales in Great Falls. He did want the fireworks vendors to know they needed to be part of the solution by informing customers of the existing ordinances.
3. **East End Retail Development** – Eric Ray could not be present but sent an invitation to all Council members to attend the June 20th Council #5 meeting where there would be first hand updates on the progress of the new Super 1 Grocery and the new Walmart.
4. **Holman Building** – although it was not an agenda item, Patty Cadwell reported briefly on the City’s efforts to renew code enforcement as it pertains to resolution of the public nuisance condition of the Holman Building and other community problem properties.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Individual Council Sharing**

2. Mike McCoy reported his Council was looking at electronically recording the meeting minutes for corrections. He mentioned the problem of no easement for the railroad crossing into the north end of the West Bank Park and said no resolution had been achieved as yet. Council #2 will meet during the summer.
4. Sandra Guynn reported her Council had been quiet but was looking forward to hearing from the community policing officer and the principals of Lewis and Clark and Chief Joseph School in June.

Council #4 will meet during the summer.

7. Lisa Meyers reported her Council had discussed the Park Master Plan and had an update on the DDACTS effort. She had also gone to the City Commission to discuss the residential parking permits.
8. Karen Grove reported her Council had been having regular meetings. One neighbor had planted perennials in Memorial Park. Council #8 will meet in June, not in July, and will have its Ice Cream Social in August.
9. Barney reported that the dispute between neighbors and one apartment complex had been resolved as much as it could be. Also representatives from the Lincoln School attended the meeting and reported the crossing on 25<sup>th</sup> Street South is a problem with no school zone restrictions. Hopefully, a resolution can be achieved.

#### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mike McCoy asked the Council of Council delegates if they thought lights in the parks were a good idea and explained how his Council had received an offer from Northwestern Energy to install a free light in West Kiwanis Park but the City Commission had not moved on it. There were some comments. He also asked if there had been a lot of community involvement at the other Councils. Responses were varied.

A motion and second were made to close the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

The next Council of Councils meeting will be held Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Cadwell, Neighborhood Council Coordinator