

# NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #5 MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 19, 2026

Great Falls Clinic Specialty Center, 3000 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Co-Chair Howard Plouffe with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Members Present: Co-Chair Howard Plouffe, Dylan Lennox, Greg Milton and Luella Vogel. Excused Member: Tom Kotynski. Neighbors Present: 12

**NEW BUSINESS:** Our first presenter was **Alaina Mattimiro, Associate City Planner with the City of Great Falls**. She presented a draft of the City Growth Policy. This is the first draft of the 18 month project. The process includes, public comment, implementation strategies, input from outside the city limits, coordination between City and County and accommodation of need (schools, fire stations, etc. 2500 citizens responded to the survey.

Second presenter was **TJ Ashley, Foreman for Dick Anderson Construction with an update on the Benefis Sanvita Estate project**. TJ reported a completion date for the project of April 2027. Apartments will consist of: 22 1 bedroom/1 bath and 42 2 bedroom/2 bath units. 28 housing units will consist of 2 bedrooms/2 bath and a private garage. TJ ended the presentation by answering questions from the audience. He will keep the Council updated on project progress.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The November 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes were read and approved on a motion by Dylan and second by and Greg.

**ELECTION OF 2026 COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Council members for the 2026 year are as follows:

Co-Chairs - Howard Plouffe and Greg Milton

Secretary – Tom Kotynski

Members – Dylan Lennox and Luella Vogel

**COMMUNICATION:** Jason Lehman, CO-Chair for The Liberty Bell Publication requested time to speak regarding Gibson Flats chronic flooding caused by stormwater discharge. His request to speak was approved by Howard. He explained issues regarding storm water drainage and sewer backup. Areas involved are Russell Pond and Walden Ditch.

Howard reported there is “a lot going on” with criminal activity in our council area, including a stolen car in which the fob (key) was left in the vehicle. He suggests people lock their vehicles and don't leave guns in your car.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. **Alan Heisler, Neighborhood Works** will discuss classes and other services offered by the program.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 on a motion by Dylan and second by Greg.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Luella Vogel, Secretary