

Neighborhood Council 4 Minutes
Heritage Baptist Church – 900 52nd Street North
23 March 2017

Council members in attendance: Sandra Guynn, Gregg Matsko, Rudy Tankink, Dan Payne
Council member absent: Harold Wheeler

Speakers present: Patty Rearden, Acting Director of Park, and Rec.; Jan Cahill, Board Chairman GFPS; Neighborhood Council Coordinator, Patty Cadwell; members of the public listed on the attached sign-in sheet.

Chair Sandra opened the meeting at 6:32pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business: Patty Rearden gave a very informative review of the Park Master Plan, which was completed last year. According to surveys, 82% of the city's population visited a city park within the past year. Youth programs are successful, but adult programs, particularly for seniors, are lagging. Patty also discussed the various options suggested to fund long and short-term capital improvements. The entire Master Plan can be found online at the city's website.

Jan Cahill provided an update on various school building projects. Lowell will be demolished once the remodeling of Little Russell is completed this fall. The new Roosevelt school, which will be constructed at the Lowell site, is expected to be completed in 2018, and once completed, construction will begin on the new Longfellow. In the interim, students from Longfellow will attend at the old Roosevelt. Remodeling work at CM Russell will be completed by Aug. 2018. Jan also reported that 24 positions were eliminated for next year.

Neighborhood Concerns: None

Committee Reports: Police Advisory Board - Sandra attended this meeting in Harold's absence. She shared some of the statistics that Chief Bowen reported, including the increase in heroin use. She also reported that there was an increase last year in the number of SRO reports in the elementary schools.

Old Business: Sandra made a motion to accept the February minutes as presented. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Traffic concerns: Sandra reported that she contacted Officer Clint Houston about speeding in the vicinity of Doris Drive and the VFW. He told her they would begin promptly monitoring the area. Gregg asked about the signage history along 7th Avenue South and the vicinity of 50th Street, and suggested that drivers are treating it as a thru street. Sandra will contact Jerry McKinley and invite him to attend our April meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Guynn, Chair and Acting Secretary