

Neighborhood Council 4 Minutes
Heritage Baptist Church – 900 52nd Street North
25 May 2017

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

Others present: Riley Wadsworth; Sgt. Jeff Beecroft; Great Falls School Board Chair, Jan Cahill; Neighborhood Council Coordinator, Patty Cadwell, and members of the public who are listed on the attached sign-in sheet.

Chair Sandra opened the meeting at 6:33pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business:

Riley Wadsworth presented his plans for a duplex at 301 50th Street South. Because this neighborhood is zoned R3, his project requires a Conditional Use Permit. After discussion, Sandra moved to accept his plans as presented. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Community Policing Officer Clint Houston was not in attendance.

Sgt. Jeff Beecroft gave a very informative update on gang activity in Great Falls. He indicated that street gangs are on the wane, but that motorcycle gangs are on the rise. They are involved in various criminal enterprises, including the bringing in and sale of narcotics. Human trafficking is present here as well as just about everywhere else. Spokane and Seattle represent major trafficking locations for our area.

Neighborhood Concerns:

Gregg asked Sgt. Beecroft about folks seemingly loitering in the neighborhood wearing clothing which indicates they are with Vivint. Sgt. Beecroft confirmed that Vivint is a legitimate security alarm system company, and that he is quite confident they do not pose a threat.

Committee Reports:

Police Advisory Board – Harold gave a brief update from the meeting that was held on May 18. It was reported that in four days 65 cell phone tickets had been issued.

Council of Councils Meeting – Sandra gave an update on the topics that were covered at the May 23 meeting. On the agenda were:

- Dave Nordel, City Emergency Manager, who suggested that councils consider holding some kind of an event to distribute booklets about emergency preparedness;
- Introduction of Charles “Chuck” Anderson, the new deputy city manager;
- Rocky Mountain building status – representatives were not present, but City Manager Greg Doyon said that he is supporting efforts of the owners to work with another group toward rehabilitation;
- Patty Rearden from Park and Rec spoke about a park district;
- Janet Thayer from Alliance for Youth spoke about plans for a child care center

Sandra said that Janet is interested in hearing comments from Neighborhood Councils with regard to their child care center. Members of the audience as well as council members shared comments, which Sandra will email to Janet.

Old Business:

April 2017 minutes – Dan moved to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Other Old Business:

Jan Cahill gave an update on the construction of the New Roosevelt school. Sletten Construction will begin foundation work on July 12 with the project slated for completion by July 2018. Jan distributed drawings of the new school, and indicated that Sletten will have a website devoted solely to this project. He also indicated that school redistricting will take place within the next several months.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Guynn, Chair and Acting Secretary