

Neighborhood Council 4 Minutes Amended
Heritage Baptist Church – 900 52nd Street North
April 26, 2018

Council members in attendance: Sandra Guynn, Rudolf Tankink, Judy Tankink, Trey Torres and
Council member not in attendance: Gregg Matsko

Others in attendance: See attached

Chair Sandra Guynn opened the meeting at 6:30 PM

New Business:

Steve Hester, Great Falls Fire Chief gave a brief update and philosophy of Great Falls Fire and Rescue which serves approximately 58,000 people in the community. It is a full-service Fire Department providing code enforcement, inspections, emergency management, equipment (fire apparatus, ambulance, brush truck, etc), facilities, strategic plan, public safety services, prevention and education, training, advanced life support, etc.

Joe Cik, Assistant City Attorney provided information on open meeting law. There is a constitutional right of participation in government. There must be records of meetings. A quorum must be achieved for a meeting. Forty-eight hours is generally considered proper notice but there are other instances where more notice must be provided to the public. When the public feels that open meeting statutes have been violated they can report that violation to Montana Commissioner of Political Practices or to County Attorney.

Petitions and communications: None

Other Business:

Deputy Bob Rosipal, Republican Candidate for County Sheriff introduced himself, discussed qualifications/experience, achievements, and explained why he is running for that office. He outlined his four-year plan. He selected Dan O'Fallon as his Undersheriff. He also talked about law enforcement issues facing our community.

GFPD Detective Jesse Slaughter, Democrat Candidate for County Sheriff introduced himself, discussed qualifications/experience, achievements, and explained why his running for that office. He talked about public safety issues and challenges in our community. He talked about his ideas for the current Sheriff's office. He would like to have a panel help him select his Undersheriff.

Committee Reports: None

Old Business: Sandra made motion to accept March minutes as amended. Seconded. MSC

Police Advisory Board Input: Trey collected ideas from community members present in order to take them back to the PAB. Sandra talked about a new Crime Stoppers app called P3Tips.com. Crime Stoppers also has a Facebook page to report crimes confidentially.

Lewis & Clark traffic congestion review/update by Jerry McKinley, City Traffic Supervisor. Sandra read an email from Jerry dated 4/17/18 which details observations and recommendations to alleviate congestion. (See attached email). Jerry has accumulated traffic data on 7th Avenue and 46th Street South travel corridor regarding traffic concerns. Additionally, he said there have been red flags with collisions on 36th St and 4th Ave S.

Diane Heikkila is a Republican candidate for Cascade County Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools. She briefly talked about why she is running and concerns about within the Department. She talked about efficiency ideas and ways to improve the taxpayers' experience.

Judy Tankink is running for the 3-year Trustee position with Great Falls Public Schools.

Next meeting May 24, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Tankink