

**Neighborhood Council 4 Minutes**  
**Heritage Baptist Church – 900 52<sup>nd</sup> Street North**  
**September 27, 2018**

Council members in attendance: Sandra Guynn, Rudolf Tankink, Judy Tankink, Gregg Matsko, and Trey Torres

Others in attendance: See attached

Chair Sandra Guynn opened the meeting at 6:30 PM

**New Business:**

Although GFPS Chairman of the Board Jan Cahill was on the agenda, he didn't show up. While waiting to see if he would appear, neighborhood concerns were discussed. George Littlefield expressed concern that signs which said "double fines" have been removed in school zones and replaced with "higher fines" signs. Sandra asked him to attend the October NC4 meeting when the Policing Officer would be present.

**Committee Reports:**

None

**Old Business:**

Sandra made motion to accept August minutes as presented. Seconded. MSC

**Other Business:**

Chris Ward began a discussion about 36<sup>th</sup> Street being changed to a through street. He provided 2 handouts: "36<sup>th</sup> Street Is Going to Be Converted to a Through Street", and a portion of "Great Falls 2014 Long-Range Transportation Plan" (handouts attached). A petition was created stating that petitioners value the neighborhood street and do not agree with making 36<sup>th</sup> a through street and to request the City do further study. The petition was passed around and signed by some attendees. Furthermore, Carrie Trott agreed to take the petition to people in the neighborhood who would be affected by the change and submit it to the City of Great Falls. There was also a comment that a neighborhood traffic watch committee be formed.

Sandra noted that topics for the October meeting will be: Policing Officer, speed limit signs in schools, and the 36<sup>th</sup> Street issue.

Next meeting October 25, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Tankink, Secretary








# 36<sup>th</sup> St South Is Going to Be Converted to a Through Street

To do something about crashes at intersections, the City is planning to install stop signs on all the avenues between Central and 10<sup>th</sup> Ave S.

## This will change 36<sup>th</sup> to a through street, similar to 32<sup>nd</sup> St.

36<sup>th</sup> is currently designated in the city street network as a local street, not a collector like 32<sup>nd</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup>. Neighborhood streets are needed for quality of life and safe routes to school.

What are the options?

1		No changes...it's not that big of a problem. Some crashes are to be expected at uncontrolled intersections and having no signs contributes to a residential street feel that helps reduce speed.
2		Through Street... priority is given to drivers on 36 <sup>th</sup> . This should reduce intersection crashes but may also increase speeds and cut through traffic. This is the action the City is planning to take.
3		Traffic Calming...the excess crashes may be due to cut-through traffic and speed. Changes could be made to change traffic patterns, so it is more convenient for through traffic to use the existing collector streets. City policy lists a number of different modifications that can be made, many of which could be tried on an interim basis. Traffic calming needs to be based on an engineering study and be requested by the neighborhood.

Should we at least look at alternatives before proceeding with the through street conversion? Regardless of whether you like the proposed plan or not, or just would like to understand the issue more **please attend your next Neighborhood Council meeting**. This issue is on the agenda and the council is looking for your input.

**Neighborhood Council #4**  
**Thursday, September 27, 2018**  
**6:30pm**  
**Heritage Baptist Church**  
**900 52nd Street North**

If you would like to discuss it further with a neighbor feel free to contact me:

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