## Neighborhood Council 4 Minutes Heritage Baptist Church – 900 52<sup>nd</sup> Street North 23 May 2019 - 6:30 p.m.

**Council members in attendance:** Sandra Guynn, Gregg Matsko, Trey Torres. **Council members absent:** Judy Tankink, Rudy Tankink.

## **Others in attendance:**

City Court Judge Steve Bolstad, City Communication Specialist Lanni Klassner, and members of the public. See attached sign-in sheet.

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

## New Business:

After briefly explaining his credentials, Judge Steve Bolstad spoke of the challenges he faces when sentencing and imposing fines, because of changes instituted by the legislature. He also spoke of the challenges that occurred when it was publically announced in late 2018 that the jail was full. He has established a 'mental health court', that partners with various entities in Great Falls to help those primarily with schizophrenia receive treatment. He reported that while drug abuse is on the rise, alcohol related offenses have increased. Steve also answered several questions from the audience, and reported on various statistics.

Sandra briefly explained her update to the City Commission at their work session on May 7. She shared with them the ongoing neighborhood conversation with regard to 36<sup>th</sup> Street South remaining a residential street, and that neighbors have expressed a desire to learn more about the bond levy from years ago regarding Siebel Soccer Park.

## Other business:

Everyone was reminded that the deadline to file for the City election is June 17. To date, three residents have filed to run for NC4.

Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the April minutes as presented.

Sandra announced the Council of Councils meeting on May 28, and that the next meeting of NC4 will be June 27 when the agenda item will be an update from the Park and Rec department explaining the Siebel Soccer Park levy, and answering questions about the levy the council submitted to them in April.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Guynn – Chair/Acting Secretary