

MINUTES
Neighborhood Council District 4
Thursday, January 23, 2020
Heritage Baptist Church – 900 52nd Street North
6:30 p.m.

Council members present: Sandra Guynn, Gregg Matsko, Richard Ashley and Nicole Porter

Council member absent: Stephen Louks

Others present: Jan Cahill, GFPS Chairman of the Board, Lanni Klasner, City staff, and members of the public listed on the sign-in sheet.

Chair Sandra opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business:

Election of Officers: Motions were made, seconded and approved to appoint the following officers:

- Chair and Official Delegate (including Councils of Council) – Sandra Guynn
- Vice-Chair – Gregg Matsko
- Secretary – Stephen Louks

Lanni asked for feedback about the handbook, and distributed the bylaws to review for possible changes in February.

Jan Cahill presented a thorough update regarding ongoing GFPS construction and improvements that were approved by the \$98.5 million bond levy in 2016. Every school in the district received facility improvement dollars from the levy. The new Longfellow will open in August 2020 and will include a clinic. Its playground will be 100% handicap accessible and available to the entire community. It is not known at this time what will happen to Roosevelt, but the District is not planning to keep it. He spoke about The Hub at GFHS and the windows on the west side of the school; a new foundation for North Middle School, and LUCY – the District's food packaging and sealing machine that has been moved from Longfellow to the main building. Jan also reported that the upcoming levy that is scheduled to be on the May ballot will go toward general operations. A student in the audience from CMR suggested that if cuts have to be made, that the Junior ROTC program not be one of them.

Sandra reviewed the Council of Councils Jan. 28 meeting agenda and encouraged everyone to attend.

Petitions and Communications:

Brett Doney of the Great Falls Development Authority asked if the council would reconsider the wording of one of the phrases in the seventh Whereas clause of Neighborhood Council 5's Madison Food Park Resolution that was approved by Council 4 at our October 2019 meeting. He felt this phrase was being too negative. Sandra said because the item was not on the agenda it would be placed on the February agenda for review.

Committee Reports:

Lanni reported that in March she will begin working on the schedule for when each council will give an update to the City Commission at one of its work sessions.

Old Business:

The October 2019 minutes were approved as presented.

Meeting adjourned shortly after 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Guynn, chair and acting secretary