

Minutes

Neighborhood Council District 4
Thursday, February 27, 2020
Heritage Baptist Church – 900 52nd Street North
630 p.m.

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

Other present: Tom Moore GFPS, Mary Moe City Commissioner, Lanni Klasner City Staff, members of the public listed on sign-in sheet.

Chair Sandra opened the meeting at 630p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business:

Presentation by Great Fall Public Schools (GFPS) Superintendent Tom Moore on a proposed levy by the School Board. The School Board will vote on the levy on March 9 and will go for general election May 5. The proposed levy would close the gap in the current operations budget. The levy would have a max value of \$1.7 million dollars. Tom explained that the current make up of the operations budget is based on 80% from the state and 20% from levies. The 80% from the state is based on the number of enrolled students. GFPS current enrollment is around 10200 students. Tom said a levy has not passed in 10 of the last 12 years. He explained if levies are not passed to close the gap in operating costs, budget cuts will be made. A question was asked if federal grants could cover the operations gap. Tom informed grants already account for \$20 million of the \$93 million operating budget. Tome ended by saying the proposed levy would cause an increase of \$1.36 per month for a \$100,000 home.

Commissioner Moe was available for the review of the Madison Food Park Resolution. The City Council will vote on the resolution March 3; it is listed as item 13. Two resolutions were made, one each for the county and the state. Chair Sandra commented the resolution is meant to determine the possible impacts the Food Park would have on Great Falls.

Petitions and Comments:

City Council resolution 10333 to create an energy response task force to be on City Council agenda March 17.

Lithia truck on 40th and 10th blocking traffic.

Walmart has a new manager who plans to adhere to the contract to clean trash in the field once per month.

A concern over speeding vehicles during rush hour around 38th and 8th ave north.

A question on who's responsible for cleaning the soccer field trash and downed trees.

Narrow parking a concern near 38th and 7th ave.

Other Business:

NC 4 Bylaws were approved. Motion by Chair Sandra, second by Stephen Louks, all approve.

Council of Council update by Chair Sandra informed of a town hall meeting on crime in Great Falls was being held March 5 at the Mansfield theatre from 630-800p.m. A violent crimes task force was being formed. Lisa Meyers of NC 7 gave a report on nuisance properties. Council of Councils next meeting to be held May 26 at the Civic center.

Committee Reports: none

Old Business:

Minutes from the January NC 4 meeting were approved. Motion by Gregg Matsko, second by Nicole Porter, all approve.

Reconsideration of the wording in the 7th whereas of the Madison Food Park Resolution previously approved on 10-24-2019. Sandra moved that the 7th whereas clause of Council 5's Madison Food Park resolution that was approved by Council 4 on 10-24-2019 remain unchanged. Second by Gregg Matsko. Sandra Guynn, Gregg Matsko, Stephen Louks in favor. Nicole Porter and Richard Ashley abstained.

Neighborhood Council: none

Adjourn:

Next meeting to be held March 26, 2020.

Neighborworks to present at March meeting

Minutes submitted by Stephen Louks, NC 4 secretary