

## **Minutes**

Neighborhood Council District 4

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Heritage Baptist Church – 900 52<sup>nd</sup> Street North

630 p.m.

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

**Other present:** Shane Etwiler CEO Great Falls Chamber of Commerce, 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:**

Local Business COVID-19 Update by Shane Etwiler. The GF Chamber of Commerce sent a survey to members to gauge level of readiness and individual plans for the shutdown due to the virus. Half of the members had one to three months of cash on hand at the start of the shutdown. A follow-up survey was sent to see how members were doing and found half the businesses were down 50% in sales. Shane went on to say the residents of Great Falls have been very supportive of member businesses. The Chamber sent a letter to members before the shutdown to share information with members. This information included; following the direction of state and local officials and the health department, Chamber meetings postponed, future events cancels, the chamber provided resources for where to direct sick employees and where to find CDC guidance for businesses, and created a list of restaurants highlighting take-out options. The Chamber also set up Wednesday webinars to help members stay current on local updates. In response to a community question relating to retention of employees, Shane said it had been difficult for member businesses to retain employees due to the government 600-dollar unemployment increase.

### **Petitions and Comments:**

A truck was broken into at 40<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.

An individual was caught on camera looking into vehicles late at night near the above location.

Diane Marten shared a concern about a memorial tree she purchased in west bank that had died and was not replaced by Park and Rec. She had spoken to Todd at the department and had not received any response. Lanni recommended speaking to the department director Steve.

### **Other Business:**

City Commission Update – Work session scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup> for NC4

Neighborworks was providing materials for clean-up. NC5 planned a park clean-up for June 27.

Slaughterhouse Impact Study online Petition by Protect the Falls ([www.protectthefalls.org](http://www.protectthefalls.org)) was created to encourage the governor to respond letter sent by the City Commission relating to Madison Food Park.

**Committee Reports:**

Lanni has communicated city updates relating to COVID-19 to all neighborhood councils during the shutdown.

All city offices are open.

City emergency has not been lifted.

**Old Business:**

Minutes from the February NC 4 meeting were approved with one amendment brought by Shane Etzwiler. The amendment changed the \$1.36 in New Business to \$13.60. Motion by Sandra Guynn, second by Nicole Porter, all approve.

Reconfirm traffic issues brought during February meeting. Speeding still a concern on 38<sup>th</sup> St. The Lithia truck blocking the road has been resolved for the moment. A question by Larry for who is responsible for fixing the potholes located at the Highwoods trailer park entrance onto 38<sup>th</sup> St.

**Neighborhood Council:** none

**Adjourn:**

Next meeting to be held July 23, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Minutes submitted by Stephen Louks, NC 4 secretary