

Minutes

Neighborhood Council District 4
Thursday, September 24, 2020
Heritage Baptist Church – 900 52nd Street North
630 p.m.

Council members present: Sandra Guynn, Gregg Matsko, and Stephen Louks

Other present: Joshua Blystone Cascade County Weed and Mosquito Superintendent, 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:

Joshua Blystone presented a paper slide show on mosquito management in Cascade County. The slide show covered the life cycle of the mosquito and their habitat. It also covered the management plan Cascade County uses to prevent mosquitos. The Integrated Mosquito Management (IMM) plan covers education, surveillance, physical control, biological control, chemical control, and evaluation and research. This department has twelve seasonal employees who utilize traps for testing, larvicide, ULV truck foggers, and public awareness. They use two types of larvicide: BTI and Methoprene. They also use Permethrin and other synthetic products for adulticides. Joshua said there are 46 species of mosquitos in Montana and 6 types in Cascade County. Of these only one can carry West Nile Virus, which there are no cases to date this year in Montana. The IMM tries to manage the mosquito population while they are in the larva stage by treating water sources which hold water for seven days. Habitats in NC4 include: the soccer complex, horse pasture, and Malmstrom marsh. Larva siting begins in April and fogging starts in June. The department has treating 3000 acres due to larva siting and 54000 acres through fogging.

Petitions and Comments:

None

Other Business:

Work session will be held October 20 at 530pm in the City Chambers.

Council vacancy is open to residents of NC4 who are registered voters.

Committee Reports:

The NC4 park clean-up of Pinski park took place Saturday September 12. All members of NC4 were present for this event. Four bags of trash were filled during the hour pick-up. Gloves, masks, and bags were provided by Carol Bronson of NeighborWorks.

Carol Bronson presented the NC with a certificate and informed the council that we participated in one of sixteen clean-up sites around the city. A total of three NC participated in the clean-up.

Old Business:

Minutes of previous meeting approved with one correction. Gregg Matsko was not present at the August meeting.

Neighborhood Council:

Steve Herrig with Park and Rec will be available at the October meeting to discuss the new aquatic center being built in NC4.

Gregg Matsko discussed the importance of completing the 2020 census and the effects the census has of the state of Montana and the Great Falls community. He encouraged everyone to complete their survey and ask others to do the same.

Adjourn:

Next meeting to be held October 22, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm

Minutes submitted by Stephen Louks, NC 4 secretary