

Minutes
Neighborhood Council District 4
Thursday, January 28, 2021
Virtual Meeting
630 p.m.

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

Other present: Steve Herrig COGF Park and Rec, and Tim Peterson LPW

Chair Sandra opened the meeting at 630p.m.

New Business:

Election of Officers – The positions of officers remained unchanged with Sandra Guynn as Chair, Gregg Matsko as Vice Chair, and Steve Louks as Secretary.

Aquatics Center – Steve Herrig discussed why the aquatics center changed locations. Soil issues at the original location on 57th Street proved too expensive. The cost of the pier system required for the center increased from \$64 sqft to \$94 sqft. A new location was chosen at Lion’s Park. The bedrock depth ranged from 2 foot deep to 12 foot deep. This move will put the center inside of NC 9. The original location required a land swap that did go through. The Park and Rec dept. has added this area to the master plan for a future park.

Tim Peterson presented a virtual plan for the location on 9th Ave. S. The design allowed for a drop off area for parents and buses as well as 150 parking spots at the facility. The intent was to leave as much of Lion Park as possible and to provide a connection between the center and the park via trails. The location changed caused a two-week delay in schedule, but the ground breaking is still set for September. The center will include an eight-lane pool 25 yards long, a rec pool, a warm pool, a gymnasium with walking track above, locker rooms, a large multi-use room for fitness classes, a small multi-use room for parties and concessions, and a cardio loft. The center is designed with future expansion in mind.

Steve said there is a possibility of a future bus stop near-by. Pro Consulting is providing assistance on developing a fee and hour schedule. The center will be City operated with a tentative opening date of July 2023. MDT will address future traffic impacts at the new location.

Public Comment: David Saslav asked if the facility would be energy efficient. Both Tim and Steve said a focus group for assessing mechanical systems for the center would compare cost versus payback for all options. Steve said the focus group includes himself, Greg Doyen, Mary Moe, and a consultant.

Steve shared a concern that Montana Senate Bills 76 and 77 have the potential to end this project. The bills address special districts in Montana. The bill provides that special districts would end after 10 years in existence. The project would require bonding longer than the proposed bill would allow.

Petitions and Comments:

None

Other Business:

The City police chief is retiring and Greg Doyen has requested that all NCs would provide questions for the interviewees. Sandra will send out reminders for questions.

Committee Reports:

None

Old Business:

October minutes were approved.

Neighborhood Council:

Heather Rohlf, city code enforcement officer, will be the guest speaker at the February meeting.

Adjourn:

Next meeting to be held February 25, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 730pm

Minutes submitted by Stephen Louks, NC 4 secretary