

**Minutes**  
Neighborhood Council District 4  
Thursday, August 26, 2021  
Heritage Baptist Church, 900 52<sup>nd</sup> Street North  
630 p.m.

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

**Other present:** Ken Jorgenson, Street/Traffic Manager, Austin Schultz, Traffic Foreman, Andrew Finch, Senior Planner, Jesse Patton, City Engineer, Paul Skubinna, Director of Public Works

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

**Old Business:**

Sandra proposed amendments to the July minutes, add Mike McIntosh and Bob Shupe to the Others Present line and correcting Crimestoppers under Neighborhood Council to Crime Task Force. She then motioned to approve minutes, Dean seconded, all approve.

Ken Jorgenson opened the discussion for the traffic study on 38<sup>th</sup> street. Austin presented the following data. Average speed is 31mph between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. N, 25mph between Central and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. N. Approach volumes at 38<sup>th</sup> and Central for the data collection in January showed 9411 vehicles per day measured on a Tuesday and Wednesday with peak times from 2-3. A comparison from five years ago showed 14000 vehicles per day at the intersection. Austin presented that at this time the four way stop serves its purpose. For 38<sup>th</sup> and NorthStar Blvd, data for 2020 showed 5276 vehicles per day. Data from 2018 was within one hundred of the 2020 total.

Andrew said the 38<sup>th</sup> and Central intersection would be added to the Long-Range Transportation Plan update. He also expressed that he is hesitant to change the neighborhood. The department expressed as a whole that the street is maintained by MDT and ideas for changes to the intersection could have unintended consequences form MDT.

Crash data for the intersection at 38<sup>th</sup> and 8 Ave. N. was presented for a three-year period 2017-2019. Four accidents have occurred during the period. The Highwood trailer park has removed trees and it should improve the sight lines.

Paul Skubinna thanked the council for its patience waiting for the data collection and for the follow-up comments.

**New Business:**

Good Neighbor Day Proclamation was submitted by Sandra to the city. The proclamation will be made by the City Council proclaiming September 28<sup>th</sup> as Good Neighbor Day. Sandra read the statement to the NC to determine if anyone opposed this item. None did.

**Petitions and Communications:**

The property next to the Coke factory has been mowed.

Little Library has been removed in Heron Park and the new one has not been installed yet.

Portage Meadows Common area is not being watered consistently and has sticker weeds. Sandra suggests having Steve Herrig in to discuss the history of the common area and what can be done. It was mentioned that the topic comes up on the city agenda every year.

**Other Business:**

**Committee Reports:**

Ice Cream social will be held September 12 from 2-4pm at Pinski Park. Flyer and map have been made for the event. Sue has asked NC4 members to hand out. The grant for the social has been submitted and a banner has been ordered for NC4 with the surplus funds of the grant. The September water bill will have a post about the ice cream social in it.

Crime Mapping, Lanni asked PD about having the NC overlay data available for the NC. PD is checking into the option, with Lanni following up. Possible radius overlaps errors have skewed the data presented for our area.

Large vehicle ordinance will have public comment at the next City Commission meeting.

NC5 is hosting a candidate forum for the City Commission candidates at their next meeting. NC5 has requested questions from the other NC for the forum.

**Neighborhood Council:**

The Council of Councils will have a special meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Gibson Room to discuss nuisance properties and options to revamp the ordinance.

**Adjourn:**

Steve made an agenda suggestion of the Parking department coming to discuss how the removal of meters and implementation of App payment has affected businesses downtown.

Steve motioned to adjourn, Gregg second, all approve. Meeting adjourned at 820pm.

Minutes submitted by Stephen Louks, NC 4 secretary