

AGENDA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

January 26th, 2022

PRESENT

Sandra Guyon, Sue Ashley, Dean Ashley, Judy Tankink, Rudy Tankink, Ken Jorgensen, Austin Schultz, Paul Skubinna, Jacob Bachmeier, David Grubich, Kenton Mille, Meghan Miller, Katy Caldwell,, Salina Milohov, , George Nikdarayes, Chris Ward, Patricia Morris, Tony Munkres, Lanni Klasner

CALL TO ORDER

Sandra called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

NEW BUSINESS

- Good Neighbor Award presented to Kenton Miller. Kenton was nominated by Katy Caldwell for helping out at the Methodist church with delivering food, assisting neighbors in need and plowing the neighborhood block of snow on the sidewalks.
- Traffic Study on 36th Street 4th Ave. – Ken Jorgensen, Street & Traffic Manager, Austin Schultz, Traffic Foreman, and Paul Skubinna, Public Works Director

A six page report was presented with a conclusion as follows: “the traffic volumes, crash history, sight distance, and speeds all meet MUTCD standards for this type of intersection. Therefore, the Traffic Division will not be assigning right of way at this time. Also, the applicable speed limit is appropriately posted. Traffic Division will continue to monitor traffic conditions on 36th St So. Due to ever changing circumstances that may affect traffic patterns. Chris Ward asked if anything could be done to slow traffic on 36th and suggested a traffic circle could be used. Traffic Control indicated some things could be done, but not without consequences.

• Neighborhood Watch & other neighborhood concerns – Lt. Munkres

Lt. Munkres discussed the importance of educating the public regarding crime in our council and the use of Crimemapping to help monitor patterns in criminal acts. The Police Department’s website has a link for the following: 1. Crimemapping, 2. S.C.R.A.M. (permission for police to access home video monitors) in case of crime in that area. 3. A link for reporting a crime, and other resources. He discussed the use of Facebook use by Councils to communicate crime in their areas, and the use of the app Nextdoor.

OLD BUSINESS

- Approve Minutes from the October meeting-

Sandra made a change to the October minutes, changing the date of the Recreational vehicle ordinance start date to March 15th instead of March 1st. Judy noted that the name of the preparer of the minutes was missing, Lanni said she would make the changes. Sandra moved to accept the amended minutes. Dean seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Neighborhood Concerns

Larry Stimac brought up his concerns about the traffic on 38th Street and 8th Ave North as well as having an abandoned/non-moved vehicle sticker placed upon a vehicle parked on 40th Street as well as damage to said vehicle. Patricia Morris brought up a concern she had about dealing with a neighbor.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Election of Officers

Dean nominated Sandra for Council 4 Chair, seconded by Rudy and was passed unanimously. Rudy nominated Dean for Vice-Chair, Judy seconded and it passed unanimously. Sue was nominated by Rudy for Secretary, seconded by Judy, passed unanimously.

- Resident Addresses for the Record

Lanni discussed how some councils do not require that addresses be listed on sign in and others do require it. Council 4 did not make any changes to the current method of sign in.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Council of Council Update

Sandra discussed the following from the recent Council of Council Meeting:

Staffing concerns: Dispatchers, police officers. Police are down seven officers. Lt. Munkres stated that they can recruit officers, but they don't always show up to take the test. Dispatching is not getting many to apply.

Abandoned vehicles 1282 with 106 being towed. Eight volunteers currently have been working on this

Decision to leave fireworks law as is instead of changing to one area. Council 4 had three complaints on New Years Eve, over lighting them off early.

Over a four day period 1200 fentanyl pills were confiscated. Jacob Bachmeier asked Officer Munkres about disposing of used needles he found and was told it was best to call law enforcement to dispose of.

The Methodist Church giving aid to homeless people. Officer Munkres indicated there were 26 calls in 2020 and 120 in 2021 to tell with issues. The calls impact a 2-3 block radius.

There has been a spike in auto thefts in the city.

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- Miscellaneous reports, announcements, and agenda suggestions from Neighborhood Council #4 members

Larry Stimac will speak at next meeting about Highwood trailer park. David Grubich, Jacob Bachmeier and George Nikdarayes (not sure on his name) are all candidates running for office, who spoke briefly and who will speak more at length at the next meeting.

ADJOURN

Sandra moved to adjourn, Dean seconded and it was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by Susan Ashley, Neighborhood Council 4 Secretary

Next meeting – February 24, 2022 Agenda