

## MINUTES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

February 24, 2022

PRESENT: Sandra Guynn, Sue Ashley, Dean Ashley, Rudy Tankink, Judy Tankink, Carol Bronson, Josh Racki, Jesse Slaughter, Rae Grulkowski, and Marci Marceau

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Sandra called the meeting to order at 6:35PM with the Pledge of Allegiance

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Carol Bronson, Director of Community Initiatives and Grants Management NeighborWorks Great Falls, explained her job. She provided a handout entitled "Envisioning Safer; More Vibrant Neighborhoods" and briefly talked about NeighborWorks community clean-up. She invited NC4 to participate. Official dates are May 6-7 but it can be done anytime and they will provide garbage bags. NC4 will clean-up Heron Park. Carol also provided an informational handout on the "Baatz Block Apartments" which is owned by NeighborWorks. They are partnering with Homeward, HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) program, Montana Healthcare Foundation, YWCA, and other entities to redevelop the Baatz building into 25 apartments with 24 units dedicated to permanent supportive housing for the homeless.
- Josh Racki, Cascade County Attorney provided a brief overview of the mission of the Cascade County Attorney's Office which serves our community. He provided a handout explaining the duties, statistical information, resources, criminal division, drivers of crime, and the challenges and needs of that office.
- Jesse Slaughter, Cascade County Sheriff gave an informational presentation detailing the Sheriff's Office accomplishments and where they are headed. He stated that the jail is no longer part of the State Prison system. He outlined numerous ways the Sheriff's Office serves our community including newly created program such as: Sheriff's Citizen Academy, resident Deputy in Belt, ICAC Detective, SRO/Street Law Education program, adding a civilian evidence tech, starting a K-9 Unit, providing an Honor Guard, revitalization of the Reserve Deputy Program (which works on cold cases), revitalization of the Sheriff's Legacy Foundation, and many other programs that serve and protect citizens in Cascade County.

Sandra Guynn said that Crime Stoppers is providing a "Crime and the Law" community program for the community at the University of Providence on March 31<sup>st</sup> 6:30-8:45.

- George Nikolakakos, HD26 Candidate was on the agenda, however, he did not show up. Michele Levine, District Court Judge Candidate also on the agenda notified NC4 Chair she couldn't attend due to a conflict in her schedule.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Sandra Guynn moved to accept the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Rae Grulkowski, Republican candidate for Cascade County Commissioner and Marci Marceau, Republican candidate for HD26 introduced themselves and explained why they are running for office.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- No neighborhood concerns. No Committee reports.

### **ADJOURN**

- Judy moved to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9PM

Submitted by Judy Tankink, Acting Secretary NC4

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