

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL DISTRICT 4 Minutes for Thursday, October 27, 2022

Members present: Sandra Guynn Rudy Tankink, Judy Tankink, Chris Ward, Richard Ashley

CALL TO ORDER

Sandra Guynn called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance

NEW BUSINESS •

Traffic control on 57th Street between 2nd Ave North and 10th Ave South - Doug Darko

Doug spoke about the traffic on 57th Street, between 10th Ave S and 2nd Ave. N, about speeds that are becoming excessive and getting access from a side street is a challenge. Doug has spoken to, among others, MTDOT, City of Great Falls, the City Commission, the County Commission and GFPD, about the possibility of a traffic light on 3rd Ave S and 57th Street. A traffic study will be done in the near future to determine how best to address the issues. Sandra made a motion to draft a letter to be sent to the city to support a study on 57th Street as well as 2nd Ave N, seconded by Chris and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS •

Approve Minutes from the September meeting-Judy made a motion to accept the September minutes, seconded by Sandra, motion passed unanimously.

Silverstone Apartments project-Tom Micuda, Planning & Community Development Deputy Director, and Lonnie Hill, Planner Tom Micuda spoke about the concerns that residents of the condominium had about the Silverstone Apartments project, specifically about the lack of room the residents may have to access the garages that are attached to the condominiums. Tom indicated that the city requires a 20 foot wide alleyway and that all new construction have 5 foot setbacks. Tom indicated that the city can not require the developers of the apartments to grant space for anyone wanting more space for parking or turning into a garage. Tom said they can give the concerns of the condominium owners to the project landowner, but that is all the city can do. Judy asked if the city bore any responsibility for approving the original design of the condominium project. Lonnie Hill addressed the question and said that the original plan said that the rear yard setback was to be 10 feet, but the attached garage eaves could not hang over into the alley. Lonnie said past projects did allow garages to come to the very edge of the alley right-of-way, but now must be a setback of 5 feet.

The condominium owners asked how much right-of-way they could have and Tom indicated the 20 feet was all they had and they could not use the project's property to park or turn in on. Also brought up was the drainage issue in the alley and Lonnie said that the Great Falls Public Works would have to look into it and decide how to best handle it. Sandra will contact Chuck Anderson, acting head of the Public Works, about this issue.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS •

Neighborhood Concerns-None

OTHER BUSINESS •

November and December meetings-Sandra made a motion and Chris seconded it to not meet in November and December, unless a special meeting is needed. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS •

Sandra reported on all the issues discussed at the Council of Councils

Sandra received a letter from Rick Cornellier about his concerns over a possible low barrier shelter in Great Falls

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Sandra asked Steve Bucher if he would still be interested in making a sandwich board sign for N.C. #4 and he indicated he would. Sandra said Neighborhood Works will give \$175.00 towards the sign

Rae Grulkowski, running for District 3 Cascade County Commissioner and Sandra Merchant, running for Clerk and Recorder for Cascade County, each spoke to the council about running for their respective offices.

ADJOURN

Richard made a motion to adjourn, Chris seconded. Sandra adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM

Next meeting – January 26, 2023