

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #4
MINUTES for January 26, 2023**

Heritage Baptist Church – 900 52nd Street North, Great Falls, MT 59401

Members Present: Sandra Guynn, Chris Ward, Richard Ashley

Not Present: Rudy Tankink, Judy Tankink,

CALL TO ORDER:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- Street & Alley Concerns – COGF Public Works Streets and Traffic.
 - Steve Bucher, association manager for the 4th Avenue North at 38th Street Condos spoke about concerns regarding parking and alley access to homes. The alley driving surface west of their condos is rutted and drains poorly. He asked city staff if it could be improved. Staff said they could make changes to the storm inlet. Changes or improvements need to wait until they see how Silverstone development will affect the alley. City staff will document condition of alley prior to construction of Silverstone and that project will be required to maintain or restore alley. Condo association should contact immediately adjacent owners to participate. In some cases owners have paid for materials and the city provides equipment and labor for alley surfacing. Silverstone is in process with seller. Infrastructure plans and building permits still to be submitted.
 - Ward asked why 36th St S between 10th Ave S and Central Ave. is a priority snow removal route like 32nd when not a through street. Not known. Staff noted that anyone can call and request snow removal on streets and alleys if there is a problem and city will remove as resources available. Council reiterated desire to keep 36th as a neighborhood street, not a through street. Staff will be conducting traffic counts when weather improves but are not locked into any specific traffic control measures by doing counts.
 - MDT is looking at US-87 Bypass/57th St. A flasher is being installed at Loy School. New crash data was given. Doug Darko is out of town but he will be asked to speak in February.
- Library Master Plan – Jill Baker, Great Falls Library Foundation. As part of the master plan, a mill levy will be included on an upcoming ballot. Facilities upgrades are under consideration, but the main purpose of the levy request is to fund operations. Staffing has been reduced by attrition to 18 FTE compared to 30 FTE on average for other comparable city libraries in Montana. Further reductions to meet current funding are not sustainable because service would need to be cut from 6 to 5 days a week, which would result in loss of state funding. If approved the levy would allow the library to operate 7 days a week without support from the city general fund and expand bookmobile service.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- None

OTHER BUSINESS

- Election of Officers.
 - Chair. Ashley nominated Guynn. Ward 2nd. Motion carried.
 - Vice-chair. Ward nominated Ashley. Guynn 2nd. Motion carried.
 - Secretary. Guynn nominated Ward. Ashley 2nd. Motion carried.
 - Official Delegate. Ashley nominated Guynn. Ward 2nd. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Guynn reported on Council of Councils (Traffic Panel, Police Update). Andrew Finch mentioned Long Range Transportation Plan update starting in February. There will be a public website.

ADJOURN

- Ward moved to adjourn. 2nd by Guynn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:18 pm.
- Next meeting February 23, 2023

Submitted by Chris Ward