

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #4
MINUTES for March 23, 2023**

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

Members Present: Sandra Guynn, Chris Ward, Richard Ashley (all present)

CALL TO ORDER:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- Park & Rec Update – Steve Herrig, Park & Rec Director. Mr. Herrig gave a powerpoint presentation about the New Recreation Center progress. Completion in May 2024 or earlier. Old Rec Center will remain city property and may continue to be used as a day care co-op. Other items discussed included maintenance of Heren Park walking trail, master plan for 10 acre park tract south of Soccer Park purchased from school district, and health of parks and trees.
- Animal Shelter – Laramie Smovir, Volunteer Coordinator. COGF Animal Shelter focuses on dogs and cats. Issuing of dog and cat licenses. Multiple animal permits are needed for over 2 cats or 2 dogs at an address. Urban wildlife issues are handled by FWP. GFPD has animal control officers, and Cascade County Sheriff can respond to issues with dogs outside the city. Discussed volunteering opportunities at the shelter.

OLD BUSINESS

- Guynn moved to approve February minutes. Second by Ashley. Motion carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- An attendee asked about litter on the streets. It was suggested to contact Neighborworks Great Falls about the upcoming CommUNITY Cleanup.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Council Vacancies. Need to fill terms through end of year. Filing for election opens in April.
 - Guynn gave a description of the mission of the council membership. Volunteer elected officials, and the council is an advisory body. Membership is not a platform for addressing individual agendas with neighbors or businesses. Not a political position. Asked for nominations.
 - Guynn nominated Neil Treadray, 3816 4th Ave N. #11. Ward Seconded. Motion carried.
 - Guynn nominated Doug Darko, 5501 5th Ave S. Ashley Seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Sue Ashley provided a crime mapping update. NC4 had the least crime of all council areas. 9 incidents in month February to March 2023.

ADJOURN

- Ward moved to adjourn. 2nd by Ashley. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:41 pm.
- Next meeting April 27, 2023

Submitted by Chris Ward