

Thursday, April 13, 2023
First Church of the Nazarene: 1727 2nd Ave. South

Barney Danishefsky Presiding.

Council Members Present: Barney Danishefsky, Karen Gray, Jeff Lauver and Shannon Wilson.

Council Members Absent: Scott Miranti.

7:00 PM meeting called to order by Barney Danishefsky.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Old Business:

- March meeting minutes read. Shannon motioned to approve the minutes; Barney seconded. Public was asked to comment: none. Unanimously approved as read.

New Business:

- Captain Shaffer of GFPD: Priorities are #1 crime #2 traffic and #3 quality of life. Captain gave a brief regarding the recent spate of crime in the council area. Susan Cisco asked about the safety levy and how it will benefit the GFPD. Ken Cisco asked if young people are interested and if there is any current recruiting to fill the empty positions. The available volunteer programs were discussed. The current drug situation was also discussed.
- Sandra Rice: Downtown Safety Alliance Efforts and Library Levy – SCRAM registration and Neighborhood Guides were made available. She also brought a safety checklist and volunteer applications for the GFPD. We discussed the library levy as well.
- Rodney Meyers: school board trustee candidate – He is proposing taking the “character strong” program even further. He is also suggesting that the math curriculum needs to include day to day basic math skills for life. Also simplifying math to make it less frustrating.

Other Business

- Facebook update: One new follower: 181 as of this month. We had the IMBison presentation at the city council this month – pictures were posted following that occasion.
- Crime mapping: Some crimes seem to take longer to show up on the maps. Judy asked about the crime mapping website that is not working well for her.
- Park and Recreation Board Update: Shannon is now the vice-chair. Construction is on schedule at the rec center. May 2024 opening at the latest. Shannon continues to push for a sidewalk through Kranz Park. A Disc Golf Course is planned at Wadsworth Park.

Neighborhood Comments

- Barney told Judy that the sidewalk program ran out of money but will resume in the future. No one will be penalized for a bad sidewalk in the meantime.
- Karen reported that Energy West is doing pre-emptive replacement of the gas mains in the alley between 8th Avenue South and 9th Avenue South.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

- Shannon motioned to adjourn. Jeff seconded. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Gray