

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #4
MINUTES for April 27, 2023

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

Members Present: Sandra Guynn, Chris Ward, Neil Tredray, Doug Darko. Richard Ashley joined after minutes were approved. (All Present)

CALL TO ORDER:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- Downtown Safety Alliance Efforts & Library Levy – Sandy Rice.
 - If levy passes, library will be open 7 days a week and bookmobile service will increase. If not, hours will be reduced to 5 days a week and some staff layoffs. Voting absentee or at polls on June 6th.
 - Spring Sale by Friends of the Great Falls Public Library starts May 11, proceeds go directly to supporting the library. Requesting book donations.
 - SCRAM program enrolling security cameras, police may ask for video. More information is on city website.
 - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) efforts to make buildings less attractive to crime.
 - Summer Ambassador volunteer program looking for volunteers to take 1 to 2 two-hour shifts per week and be present downtown.
- School Board Candidate Rodney Meyers. Supports the “Character Strong” program and wants to work to make that the school culture and confirm that curriculum matches that. Supports “day to day math” class and provable and repeatable science education.

OLD BUSINESS

- Guynn moved to approve March minutes, with correction to spelling of Tredray’s name. Second by Tredray. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

- CommUNITY Cleanup. Darko noted military personnel picking up trash on 3rd Ave S recently. Too short notice for council to formally participate this year. Council agreed on plan to clean up Pinski Park on Saturday, May 13 at 10 am.

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- Council of Councils May 23, 7:00 PM Gibson Room. Long Range Transportation Plan update will be discussed.
- Ward received a call from Eric Boyd with the street department that they will be starting traffic data collection on 36th Street S for 5 weeks starting May 1st. This will include loop detectors, cameras, and a speed radar trailer.
- Ashley sees value in security cameras in light of a recent daylight house break-in. Concerned about increase in people walking out into traffic.

ADJOURN

- Guynn moved to adjourn. 2nd by Ashley. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:43 pm.
- Next meeting April 27, 2023

Submitted by Chris Ward