

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #4
MINUTES for August 24, 2023**

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

Members Present: Sandra Guynn, Richard Ashley, Neil Tredray, Chris Ward.

Absent: Doug Darko.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- Weed & Mosquito Control, Josh Blystone, Superintendent of Weed and Mosquito Division, County Public Works. Spraying starts in April or May and runs through about Labor Day. Trapping of mosquitos is conducted to plan and target spraying. Some West Nile virus has been detected in mosquitos but no human or equine cases so far this year. Birds are actual carriers of West Nile. Around the home it is recommended to “tip, toss and turn” standing water and change bird baths several times a week.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- GYST House, 721 56th St. S. Pam Bigelow, who lives on south side of that address spoke on concerns about use of the address as a residential substance abuse rehab facility. She furnished a copy of a webpage where the facility is listed at that address with an NPI number. She and other neighbors have tried to talk to people working on the building but feel they are being avoided. She contacted Lonnie Hill in City Planning and was told that a DPHHS permit is pending. Concerns of the neighbors included parking, congestion, public safety, property values and location relative to schools and day cares. There are reportedly two other such locations in operation in the city, so question was raised of whether there has been any increased police calls or other problems with the other ones. Guynn to contact Lonnie Hill and get information about applicable zoning and regulations for this facility. Tredray is familiar with the mission of sober living facilities and will reach out to the owner and extend an invitation to speak to the council and emphasize the need to build trust with the neighbors. He will be in contact with Pam.

OLD BUSINESS

- Guynn moved to approve May minutes. 2nd by Ashley. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

- Ashley moved to adjourn. 2nd by Tredray. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:30 pm.
- Next meeting September 28, 2023

Submitted by Chris Ward