

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #4
MINUTES for April 25, 2024**

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

Members Present: Sandra Guynn (Chair), Chris Ward (Secretary), Doug Darko (Official Delegate).
Absent: Neil Tredray (Vice-Chair), James Whitaker.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- Animal Shelter presentation by Laramie Smovir, Interim Operations Manager. Upcoming events include Barking Lot yard sale, Cardboard Regatta on July 7th, June 17th – July 3rd Microchip event, and Drool in the Pool in early September. Shelter has about 70 residents, not all of which are available for adoption because includes animals from court cases, bite quarantines, and arrests. If you find kittens it is best for their survival to leave them alone as the mother cat is probably around.
- Park Cleanup. Mike Villareal adopted Pinski Park and planned to check it the weekend following the meeting. Pinski Park needs a dog bag dispenser. Chair Guynn will contact Park & Recreation Director Kevin Vining about it. Discussed which park to clean up. Chair Guynn moved to hold park cleanup at Pinski Park at 10 am June 1. Ward seconded, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- Guynn moved to approve March minutes. Second by Darko. Minutes Approved.
- NC4 Mission Statement was reviewed. It is intended to be posted separately from the by-laws on the city website now. Mission statement is not required but has been in place probably since formation of the council. No action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

- None

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Helen Lewis reported an issue with a business parking cars in Clara Park. Chair Guynn has photos and will contact Kevin Vining. Doug Darko reported that a utility company damaged the path in Clara Park during recent utility installations, which made the path muddy, and he will contact Kevin Vining about it. Ward mentioned that the LRTP includes a plan for a shared use path across Clara Park. Helen said that is not a good idea due to it being too steep and fast.
- Ben Forsyth stated that commercial sale of marijuana is affecting lives and safety of citizens. He thinks it is an urgent issue and cannot be put off until fall. He proposes restricting THC potency to a safer level.

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- Lanni Klasner mentioned that council notifications are being sent to the Great Falls Gazette. It is available on line twice weekly, can be picked up at Schulte's (and other locations), and home delivery is available.
- Chair Guynn reported on tour of aquatic center.
- First meeting of Levy Advisory Panel will be Wednesday, May 1, 6 pm Gibson Room of Civic Center.
- May 28 Council of Councils will include a Long Range Transportation Plan presentation.
- Chair Guynn and Lanni Klasner reported on social media training. A link is available.

ADJOURN

- Next meeting May 23, 2024.
- Darko moved to adjourn. Ward Seconded. Adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Submitted by Chris Ward