

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #4
MINUTES for May 23, 2024

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

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Sandra Guynn called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Storm Drain Master Plan: City Engineer Jesse Patton and Josh Sommer, PE from Great West Engineering gave an informative presentation on the updating of the city’s stormwater plan, which has not been updated since 1989. The three components of this plan are, roadways, pipes and curbs. In addition to explaining the project scope of the work, Jesse and Josh explained that NC4 is in the “Giant Springs” Drainage Basin. There are between 13-15 basins within the city with the Giant Springs basin being the largest. In reply to members’ concerns about flooding in the field at 57th Street and 2nd Avenue North, Jesse said that lot will be annexed into the city and run-off will flow into Witmore Ravine. The Silverstone housing development at 2nd Avenue North and 38th Street is required to install a detention pond and connect it to the Giant Springs Basin, although this pipe is close to being full. Regional ponds are an alternative, but funding is usually the problem. These ‘micro’ ponds are normally installed in residential areas to promote green space and wildlife habitat. The city is talking with non-profits, such as, Pheasants Forever, Trout Unlimited and others. An open house is scheduled for August with details to be announced at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion was made and seconded to approve the April minutes as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:

- Neighbor asked if there was an update on the status of the empty lot at 56th Street and 7th Avenue South. A few years ago a company expressed interest in developing a car wash there, but to date, nothing has been done and it is turning into an eye-sore. Sandra will contact Community Planning for an update.
- Sandra gave updates on three concerns brought to the Council’s attention in April:
 1. Park Supervisor Kevin Vining reported that Northwestern Energy was advised that once they have completed their sub-station work at Clara Park, the park’s infrastructure will have to be returned to the way it was before construction began. He said that Northwestern cleaned up the trail before they began work, and it is now in better shape than it was.
 2. Kevin installed a dog mitt station at Dudley Anderson Park. Normally, parks without a walking trail do not have these stations, but Kevin had an extra one on hand that he installed there.

3. Kevin will look into the situation with Howard's Auto Sales at 4601 10th Avenue South. They are not supposed to be parking vehicles on any grassy property, regardless if the property belongs to them or not.

PINSKI PARK CLEAN-UP:

Motion was made and seconded to cancel the park clean-up on June 1. Motion passed 4-0.

ADJOURN:

- Next meeting June 27, 2024
- Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:10 p.m.
Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Guynn, Chair