

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #4
MINUTES for July 25, 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 (Official Delegate).

CALL TO ORDER:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- Parks presentation by Kevin Vining, Park Manager.
 - Council contains four parks: Sunrise, Clara, Heren, and Pinski. Planners try to have maximum of 10 blocks from any residence to a park. Grant was approved for the dog mitt station for Pinski and it has arrived. Plan to install early next week. Plan to locate it in area of pavilion, but not too near. It will be on a routine garbage route. City staff resupply bags. Mike Villarreal, community park volunteer, will get a photo for Sandra to give to Neighborworks who approved the grant. Sunrise Park irrigation clock was repaired and turf starting to look better. Heren in relatively good condition but overgrown shrub beds might be removed, specifically southwest corner by sign. Clara Park substation pole installation is complete and NorthWestern did a good job cleaning up. City will be spraying weeds on the trail and may place more gravel.
 - Resident asked how much is spent on maintaining parks in the council boundaries? That number is not broken down by council. There are also state lands that the city maintains but receives no funding for.
 - Kevin Vining will make contact with Howard's Auto Sales about parking on grass in Clara Park, will verify the boundary through Engineering, and see if there is any lease agreement.
 - Whitaker asked about a recent medical incident at the water park. Vining will let Erica McNamee know about the inquiry.
 - Mike Villarreal shared ideas about added trails in Pinski Park to connect to the pavilion. Vining said there are long-term goals to increase ADA pathways along streets in all parks. It is not known what the basis was for constructing pathways in some parks and not others.

OLD BUSINESS

- Chair Guynn moved to approve June minutes. Second by Whitaker. Minutes Approved.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Chair Guynn reported conversation with Lonnie Hill about a problem property from previous meeting. The fence was fixed, and Lonnie told owner he needs to address weeds. A resident reported congestion from parked business vehicles at a property in vicinity of 49th St. and 7th Ave. N. Lonnie confirmed the business license and stated that resident needs to file a complaint.
- Chair Guynn received an inquiry about Portage Meadows assessment and provided documentation from Steve Herrig. It is on the City Commission agenda each year for renewal.
- Mike McIntosh commented that this was one of the busier years for fireworks. City Commission would have to emphasize enforcement.
- Members received a letter from Ben Forsyth about marijuana regulations. Vice Chair Tredray stated that regulation is through the Montana Department of Revenue Cannabis Control Division.
- A resident asked about Silverstone potential impact on water pressure. If there is a specific concern about water pressure, a request should be submitted to the city for the "complaint driven" process.
- Question about crime rates in council area. Council 4 is second lowest after Council 1.

ADJOURN

- Next meeting August 22, 2024.
- Whitaker moved to adjourn. Tredray Seconded. Adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Submitted by Chris Ward