

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #4

MINUTES for August 22, 2024

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

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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Chair Guynn moved to accept the minutes from the July meeting as presented. Whitaker seconded. Minutes approved.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Question on rules on sidewalk maintenance, specifically killing weeds and deteriorated concrete. Enforcement is complaint driven. Sidewalk maintenance is the responsibility of the adjacent landowner but concrete repairs have to be approved and inspected by the City and completed by a licensed contractor.
- Question about planning trees in city right of way. There is no restriction on this. If a tree interferes with intersection sight triangles it might be trimmed or removed.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Andrew Finch, Senior Transportation Planner, Planning & Community Development presented on the Long Range Transportation Plan. A draft has been received and is open for public comment at greatfallstransplan.com through September 23. Projects are categorized as Committed (planned, in progress), Recommended (funding identified) and Illustrative (needed but no funding identified). In Council 4, potential projects include a potential roundabout or signal at 38th Street and Central Avenue and a turn lane on 38th Street at 2nd Avenue North. The City is working with MDT on an operational study of US87 and 57th Street in advance of the Sentinel missile replacement and associated traffic.
 - Ward asked about the proposed widening of 10th Ave. S. to 6 lanes. The proposal extends from 26th to 32nd Street so does not border Council 4. It is an illustrative project and is not a priority of the city; the project came from input from MDT. The intersection of 29th Street and 10th Avenue south will be evaluated for a signal or eliminating left turns.
 - Concern regarding pedestrian crossing demand at the Wal-Mart entrance at 54th Street and 10th Avenue South. MDT identified a safety issue at this intersection and may be conducting a study. Marked pedestrian crosswalks are available at the signalized intersection at 57th Street. There is likely little that could be done to deter pedestrian crossings at 54th.

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- Chair Guynn reported that Kevin Vining contacted Howard's Auto Sales parking vehicles on Clara Park property and vehicles had been moved. Pinski Park dog mitt station was installed.
- Chair Guynn received a concern about activity under evergreen trees in Pinski Park that involved a mattress. Park & Recreation Department removed the mattress and low limbs.

ADJOURN

- Next meeting September 26, 2024.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Submitted by Chris Ward