

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #4 **MINUTES for January 23, 2025**

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

Members Present: Sandra Guynn (Chair), Neil Tredray (Vice-Chair), James Whitaker, Chris Ward (Secretary), Doug Darko (Official Delegate). Absent: None

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 October meeting as presented. Whitaker seconded. Minutes approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Officer Elections.
 - Ward nominated Sandra Guynn as Chair, seconded by Treadray. All in favor.
 - Darko nominated Neil Tredray as Vice-chair, seconded by Guynn. All in favor.
 - Guynn nominated Chris Ward as Secretary, seconded by Whitaker. All in favor.
 - Ward nominated Doug Darko as Official Delegate, seconded by Tredray. All in favor.
- Quiet Zone. Council 2 proposed a quiet zone designation that would reduce the amount of train horn noise at railroad crossings. More detail was to be provided at the January Council of Councils. Council 4 is supportive of further discussion and would like to see it considered as a city-wide issue but acknowledges there are many considerations to be worked through.
- Planning and Community Development Department (Andrew Finch and Lonnie Hill) provided an update on the ongoing Growth Policy Update. Residents were encouraged to take the online survey at <https://www.futuregreatfalls.com/> and participate in community workshops. Mitchell Development announced the intention to develop property east of 57th Street between 3rd and 10th Avenues South. Little detail is known about the proposal at this point by staff.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Petitions and Communications. Planning staff noted that Discovery Meadows submitted for a building permit. Silverstone was approved for annexation but conditions of annexation need to be met before annexation occurs.
- Neighborhood Concerns. Chair Guynn provided a Pinski Park update from Mike Villarreal, community park volunteer. Mike suggested installing a security light in the gazebo. Andrew Finch stated that parks are closed at night so lighting might encourage unwanted activity. Rob Moccasin will check to see if there are any police reports regarding the park that might help define the problem.

ADJOURN

- Next meeting February 27, 2025.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Submitted by Chris Ward