

MINUTES
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
DISTRICT 4
Thursday, January 26, 2012
Heritage Baptist Church, 900 52nd Street North

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present: Sandra Guynn, Judy Tankink, Aaron Pursell, Harold Wheeler and Audrey Finlayson. Also in attendance: Rudolf Tankink, Patty Cadwell, George Littlefield, Tom Glover, Mitch Tropila, Neva Jackson, Mary Kraft, and Ruth Hickey.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The duties of the officers were read aloud from the Bylaws of District Four Neighborhood Council. Following a brief discussion, it was voted unanimously that officers from Neighborhood Council Four be placed in the following positions:

Chair	Sandra Guynn
Vice Chair.....	Harold Wheeler
Secretary.....	Judy Tankink
Official Council of Council Delegate.....	Sandra Guynn
Official City Commission Delegate.....	Judy Tankink
Police Advisory Board	Harold Wheeler

NEW BUSINESS

Audrey Finlayson and Judy Tankink both expressed interest in participating on Great Falls Public Schools Budget Committee. Patty Cadwell stated that she would get pertinent information regarding Neighborhood Council participation on the budget committee and give it to both Judy and Audrey.

Bylaws of District Four Neighborhood Council were read and a brief discussion ensued.

There was a question posed to Patty Cadwell in regards to what a Council can do if an elected official is missing meetings, consequently, not fulfilling their elected duties. Patty said that the City Clerk was investigating options since this is a reoccurring problem in several councils. She will inform us of the findings when the City Clerk has completed investigating legal options that are available to the Councils.

Patty Cadwell said the City is getting a new website.

Tom Glover, Democratic Candidate for HD24 introduced himself.

Ruth Hickey complained about a disabled vehicle with a tow rope attached to it has been parked in front of her home for a length of time. A request was made to the owners to move the vehicle, but it has not been moved. She was encouraged by Council Members to contact the Police Department for investigation.

Ruth Hickey and Mary Kraft indicated that a flat-bed trailer may be causing an obstruction near a school zone. She was encouraged by Council Members to contact the police department for further investigation.

The Council discussed options with those in attendance should they consider any parked vehicle a safety concern, to contact the Police Department to investigate and determine if a parking or traffic violation is occurring.

Audrey Finlayson received a citizen complaint about the property at 5600 7th Avenue South that the windows were boarded up.

Sandra reported that Heather Rohlf, Code Enforcement Officer, said the 406 Club has until May to clean up their property.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Commission – No issues directly pertaining to NC4 were reported

Council of Councils - Sandra reported that Council of Councils met January 25, 2012.

- The large vehicle issue was discussed. She reported that it is considered a complex issue. Commissioner Burrows and Commissioner Bronson indicated that the City Commission may or may not pursue this further in the spring.
- The new Police Chief Dave Bowen was introduced to the Council of Councils. Chief Bowen indicated that they will be getting a new radio system. Sandra also reported that Chief Bowen indicated they are getting new software, which will allow officers to complete their reports in their vehicles and send them over the internet to their supervising officers.
- Commissioner Burrows indicated that a Cell Phone Ordinance is under discussion.
- Vandalism is a concern in some neighborhoods in the City. Council members were encouraged to contact RSVP for more information about forming a Neighborhood Watch in their areas.
- Cascade County Conservation District did an informational presentation about current services. They indicated they will be gathering signatures to put a 1.5% Mill Levy before the voters at the next election.

Over-size Vehicle Task Force – They did not meet.

Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) – Harold reported that the JLUS Technical Committee and JLUS Policy Committee met in January. A JLUS *Pre-Final* Draft Study Plan will be presented February 10, 2012. The JLUS Final Draft Study Plan will be presented February 24, 2012 which will be presented at a public meeting on March 28th.

OLD BUSINESS

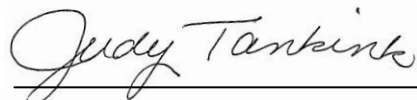
- The minutes from the December meeting were approved as written.
- The trailers from 4727 2nd Avenue North have been removed. Sandra reported that vehicles with for sale signs are currently parked on the property. City employee Heather Rohlf is investigating whether the current owner of the property has given the vehicle owners permission to park them there.
- Some of the trailers, or parts of the trailers, removed from 4727 2nd Avenue North are now parked on the Home Place property. Cascade County Commissioner Bill Salina will contact Sandra with an update.

OTHER BUSINESS

Patty Cadwell said the City is working on a Neighborhood Council Manual and also an Orientation Meeting for Council Members.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned.



Judy Tankink, Recorder