

MINUTES

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

Thursday, November 29th, 2012
Heritage Baptist Church, 900 52nd Street North

6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council Members Present: Sandra Guynn, Harold Wheeler, Aaron Pursell, and Audrey Finlayson.

Council Members Absent: Judy Tankink

The meeting was recorded and will be made available to the public with a records request. They can also be requested directly from NC4.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Detective Blue Corneliusen of the Cascade County Sheriff's Office was the guest speaker and spoke about Crime Stoppers program as the liaison to the Sheriff's Office. Detective Corneliusen spoke about the process of using the Crime Stoppers board to help catch people with warrants. He described the tip process and how it works to be so successful. Described multiple crimes that were solved via tips from Crime Stoppers. When the tip line is called a rotating shift between the Police Department and Cascade County Sheriff's office. A case number is issued and then the tip is brought before the Board to request a tip amount. All tips and payments are anonymous. The Board is all volunteer and privately funded. Various discussions ensued.
- Dan Payne, 4616 ½ Diana Drive - Brought up violation of curbside stoning at the Home Place vacant parking lot on 2nd Avenue. Dan described that they he took pictures of the car and the VIN and addressed Detective Corneliusen about the issue. No notice of written permission was posted in the vehicle. Sandra suggested Dan contact the County Commission since The Home Place is a County Lot. Discussion ensued. Talked about 46th Street south for speeding, council recommended contacting Police Department when it was happening.
- Discussion about JLUS and rezoning and zoning and height restrictions were to be in place ensued. All changes and building within the flight zone has to be approved by Malmstrom AFB.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Police Advisory Board: Harold informed them of our open house plans and getting the Police Dog demonstration and the Captain said that he will make it happen for our Open House.

- On the January 2013 meeting, Captain Newton will update the board on DDACTS (Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Safety). A new approach that the Police Department will be looking at. More information to come at following meeting.
- Police Department graduated the 10th citizen's academy and currently has graduated 300 citizens to date. Last class recommends putting a new city police logo made out of cut metal on the West Entrance of the Police Station. The new sign should be up in a few weeks.
- Volunteer program will start off after the 13th and is looking for what the councils and citizens want out of the Police Department.
- The 911 center relocation is still being looked at and is still struggling with IT charges. Waiting on bids from CenturyLink and Optimum for phone bids.
- Drug manufacturing and trafficking is on the rise due to "better" methods to produce methamphetamines.
- Grant for Neighborhood Watch was not received and currently Neighborworks is funding the Watch program.
- Police Department is currently staffed 1.4 Officers per 1000 Citizens.
- Councils of Councils: Sandra reported Ida Meehan and Wendy Thomas from Community Planning and Development where there to discuss Imagine Great Falls. They have been going around the city trying to get ideas of what the Citizens of Great Falls would like to see. Ideas across the city are pretty consistent. Minutes are complete and available after every meeting and you can get on the e-mail list. Made aware of our January Open House to gather information from the Neighborhood.
- Open House Planning: Sandra had a planning meeting on the 16th and some Eateries were going to donate various food items. Open House is coming along and food wise we appear to be covered. Flyer will be made up and attempt to get in the Wednesday Envelope. Aaron volunteered to make a flyer. Various discussions ensued.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Harold made a motion to accept the minutes as written and seconded by Audrey. Motion passed by vote of members present.
- Last month we voted to not have a December meeting so there will be no December Meeting.
- Next meeting is January 24th, 2012

ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion to adjourn was made by Harold and seconded by Audrey. Motion passed by vote of members present.

Respectfully Submitted: Aaron Pursell