

Neighborhood Council 4 Minutes
Heritage Baptist Church, 900 52nd Street North
23 May 2013

Council members in attendance: Sandra Guynn, Harold Wheeler, and Audrey Finlayson
Council members absent: Judy Tankink and Aaron Pursell

Speakers: Bob Kelly - City Commissioner
 Officer Robert Lundberg - Great Falls Community Policing Officer
 Marty Basta - Great Falls Park and Rec Director

Chair Sandra opened the meeting at 6:35pm.

New Business:

- **Good Neighbor Award**
Eric Spragg and Emeritus at Cambridge Place were presented the Good Neighbor Award.
- **City Commissioner Bob Kelly:**
Commissioner Kelly gave a brief update on his tenure to date.
- **Community Policing Officer report:**
Officer Lundberg reported that crimes in our neighborhood have declined from last year during the same reporting period of February through April, down from 283 calls to 270 calls. Barking dog complaints have risen.
- **Clara Park Update:**
Marty Basta reported that it will be his recommendation to the City Commission that Clara Park not be considered for sale. There are several reasons for this: A city water tower and the utilities associated with it are located on the land; there is an easement on the land for the Northwestern Energy sub-station, and a study conducted for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial indicated that Lewis and Clark camped on the site to consider their portage options. Park and Rec also has plans to improve the walking paths. Neighborhood resident and park user, Rich Wilson, 4114 Ella Avenue, spoke in favor of keeping the park as is.

Committee Reports:

- **Police Advisory Board:**
Harold reported about the lack of space for evidence and the proposed change of location for the Dispatch Center, and the popularity of the Citizens Police Academy.

Old Business:

A motion was made and seconded that the April minutes be approved as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Sandra Guynn, acting secretary