

Neighborhood Council 4 Minutes
Heritage Baptist Church, 900 52nd Street North
25 Sept 2014

Council members in attendance: Sandra Guynn, Harold Wheeler, Dan Payne, and Aaron Pursell
Council member absent: Judy Tankink

Others present: Patty Cadwell, Neighborhood Council coordinator; Norman Anderson, Mary Jolley, Angela Meyers Cox, Diana Meyers, Shaienna Harrell, Duncan Beckner, Rudolph Tankink, Jean Price, and Ashley from KFBB

Chair Sandra opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

New business:

- Linda Mettam, long-time local child advocate, spoke about the idea of a “crisis nursery” in Great Falls. This would be a place available for toddlers to go in the short term when their parents or guardians are under sufficient enough stress, that possible injury could occur to them if not temporarily removed from the situation. The nursery would be patterned after a facility in Spokane, and would primarily be funded by the public, and staffed by trained volunteers. The project is supported by the Great Falls Childhood Coalition. Linda also spoke about the rise of adolescent suicide in Great Falls. There was much interest in her presentation, and she agreed to return in October to continue the discussion.

Other Business:

Justice of the Peace Mary Jolley, County Commission candidate Norman Anderson, and legislative candidate Jean Price introduced themselves and briefly spoke about their campaigns.

Committee Reports:

- **Police Advisory Board:**
 1. Harold reported that the abandoned vehicle ordinance is complaint driven, and only applies to vehicles on public property. There have been about 700 complaints since the police volunteer program began 1.5 years ago.
 2. During Law Enforcement Week in May 2015, there will be a law enforcement parade in Great Falls on May 15, and a dedication on May 11 of a Law Enforcement Memorial in honor of those who have died in the line of duty in Great Falls. Fundraising for these events is currently underway.
 3. A new non-emergency number, 727-7688, has gone into effect. This number rings directly to the police department. Patty Cadwell said she was not aware that this number replaced the previous number of 771-1180.

Old business:

- **Minutes:** The August minutes were approved as presented.
- **Joint Community Meeting for Councils 4 & 5:** Sandra reported that because the Eastside Retail Development project has been delayed until late next year, the joint meeting originally schedule for October 27 has been canceled. The councils will pursue holding the meeting in the spring of 2015.
- **Little Free Library:** Harold reported the little library is doing fine.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Sandra Guynn, Chair and Acting Secretary