

Neighborhood Council 4 Minutes
Heritage Baptist Church – 900 52nd Street North
26 January 2017

Council members in attendance: Sandra Guynn, Harold Wheeler, Rudy Tankink, Dan Payne

Speakers present: Chuck Keen, Officer Clint Houston, Chris Ward;
Neighborhood Council Coordinator – Patty Cadwell;
Members of the public who are listed on the attached sign-in sheet

Chair Sandra opened the meeting at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business:

Election of Officers:

- *Chair* – Rudy made a motion to nominate Sandra as Chair. Motion was seconded and passed by a 3-1 vote with Dan dissenting;
- *Vice-Chair* – Sandra made a motion to nominate Harold as vice-chair. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously, 4-0;
- *Secretary* – In the absence of a volunteer, Sandra suspended the vote until another member is appointed;
- *Official Delegate* – Dan made a motion to nominate Sandra. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously, 4-0;
- *Police Advisory Board Delegate* – Sandra made a motion to nominate Harold. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously, 4-0.

C.M. Russell Museum update: Mr. Chuck Keen, Facility Operations Manager, gave an informative update about the improvements and abatement occurring at the museum complex. Repair work will not interfere with Western Art Week during the third week of March. The museum is changing their membership focus to be more of support rather than walk-in. Mr. Keen also answered questions from the audience.

Community Policing update: Officer Clint Houston reported that Council 4 continues to be quiet, and the second safest neighborhood in the city. He said that police are seeing an increase in heroin use, and announced that the program, *Chasing the Dragon*, will be shown March 1 at the Mansfield Center. He also announced that the spring GFPD Citizens Academy program will begin in March, and that some previous participants are participating in a “master academy” course. Officer Houston also answered questions from the audience.

Church of Christ update: Chris Ward gave an update about the progress of the Sunrise Meadows Sub-Division at Central Avenue and 46th Street. The process is slow going, but he is hopeful that by early fall all of the requirements will be in place. Chris also answered questions from the audience.

Neighborhood Concerns:

Chris Ward brought up concerns pertaining to the increase of traffic on 36th street, which he thinks suggests that the street is being treated more as a thru street rather than as a neighborhood residential street. Chris also visited Council 9 about this concern. They have invited traffic supervisor Jerry McKinley to their February meeting, which Sandra hopes to attend.

Another resident mentioned a speeding problem on 46th Street from 3rd Avenue South to Ella Avenue, and other residents mentioned how dangerous the intersection is at 40th and 9th Avenue South, near Lithia Motors. Sandra will contact Jerry McKinley about doing traffic studies.

Appointment of a new member:

Sandra made a motion to appoint Gregg Matsko to fill the vacancy on the council created by the resignation of Curtis Finnicum. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously, 4-0.

Committee Reports:

Sandra reported that she gave an update to the City Commission on December 4 at the City Commission Work Session, and that she also attended NC5's meeting in January. She reported that Walmart is planning to open the first week of March, and that the four out lots on their property have been sold, but to date, only Panda Express has applied for a building permit.

Harold reported that the January Police Advisory Board meeting was canceled.

Old Business:

October 2016 minutes – A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously, 4-0.

Other Business:

Sandra reported that the Mapril clean-up weekends will be May 6 and May 13. Patty announced that NeighborWorks is asking Neighborhood Councils if they have a problem park that can be cleaned by volunteers.

Sandra reported that our speaker for our February meeting will be Dave Nordel, Disaster Preparedness Coordinator for the City of Great Falls.

Next meeting will be Thursday, 23 February 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Guynn, Chair and Acting Secretary