

MINUTES
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
DISTRICT 4

Thursday, October 25, 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, Judy Tankink, Harold Wheeler, and Audrey Finlayson.

Council Members Absent: Aaron Purcell

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:

- Community Policing Officer Scott Van Every gave a brief quarterly report for our area. The number of calls received during the summer was low. He updated us on the recent assault involving a minor girl near Van's IGA; no arrest has been made as of this date.
- Heather Rohlf, City Code Enforcement gave a brief report of her responsibilities and the procedures she follows when performing her job. She distributed information packets to those in attendance. The packet included tips on being a good neighbor; how the City responds to property complaints; Code Enforcement Ordinances; Montana Building Code Adoption & Effective Date memo; Department responsibilities and phone numbers; recycling in Great Falls; and also a sample "draft violation letter".
- Chris Sorenson, Environmental Program Coordinator gave a brief report. His responsibility falls under City Code Title 13 which involves sewer and wastewater. Illegal dumping into storm drains can be reported on the City's website. Mary Jolley, 1910 2nd Ave N, asked if there is an RV dump site at the fairgrounds. Chris said, yes and it is free of charge. Chris said they are looking for volunteers to mark storm drains with "no dumping".
- Eric Bailey, (1041 Suburban Drive) Candidate for Justice of the Peace introduced himself, described his experience and qualifications for office.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

- Police Advisory Board – Harold said the Police Advisory meeting was held Sept. 20th. A customer survey is being considered by the Police Chief; moving the dispatch center is also being considered. IT costs remain high. Currently there are 1.4 officers per/1000 residents in Great Falls and the community's needs appear to be adequately met. The Police Dept. would like to implement a volunteer program to assist the Department.
- Growth Policy Update – Judy gave a brief report of about the Environmental Working group which seems to be well attended but the space for the meetings seems to be inadequate to hold participants. The majority of those attending the working groups are special interest groups and also City staff. The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 1st at 6:00 at the Civic Center. Working group meetings are advertised on the internet through the City's website, people who signed up that Kick-off meeting are notified by email; the meetings are also advertised in the Tribune each Monday.

- NC4 Open House Planning
 - Purpose: Talk with NC4 neighbors to get their input on Growth Policy. Allow people on the east end of town an opportunity to find out more about Growth Policy.
 - Date: Thursday, January 24th
 - Venue: Lewis and Clark gymnasium
 - Ideas include: police/fire dog presentation; contest; door prizes; food; Ida Meehan presentation; City staff available to answer questions similar to Growth Policy Kick-Off Open House
 - Advertising/Notices:
 - Sandra will compose letter and Patty said the City will pay for postage for a mailing to east-end businesses. Patty Cadwell will provide addresses via e-mail by Monday, 10/29/12.
 - Flyer needs to be designed for Wednesday envelopes; once flyer is approved by GFPS, Patty said the City will pay for black and white printing on color paper. She said she could work with RSVP to get them bundled according to GFPS guidelines.
 - Create press release and Patty Cadwell release it to the public
 - Place onto different media community calendars
 - Community Involvement: City should be present at Open House; Neighborhood Watch.
 - Council members will work individually and notify other NC4 members of their progress.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Diana M Meyers with Neighborhood Watch would like to be more involved in Neighborhood Councils.
- Audrey made a motion to accept the September minutes as presented; Judy seconded it; and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- Audrey said that Marty Basta is working on the first column on the City parks. Send Marty Basta any ideas for a title for the column. Audrey will write subsequent stories for the column. Patty said that Pinski Park is done.
- Sandra talked about previous complaint about parking at Radian Motors. It has now been resolved.
- Council of Councils meeting will be on Tuesday, October 27, 2012 Civic Center 7:00 PM

NEXT MEETING OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL 4:

Patty Cadwell will publish public notice of meeting that a quorum will be present at a special planning meeting to talk about an NC4 Open House on Friday, November 16, at 9:00 AM at Schulte's, 3800 3rd Avenue South. Audrey will notify the owner of our plan to meet at his establishment.

Audrey made a motion to have NC4 November meeting on Thursday, November 29, 2012. Harold seconded it, and it was approved unanimously.

NC4 will not have a December meeting.

January meeting will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2013 at Lewis and Clark Elementary School gymnasium.

ADJOURNMENT:

Harold Wheeler made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Tankink, Recorder