

Neighborhood Council 4 Minutes

Thursday, January 22, 2015 – 6:30 PM
Heritage Baptist Church, 900 52nd Street North

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

Council Members Present: Sandra Guynn, Harold Wheeler, Judy Tankink and Dan Payne

Council Members Absent: Aaron Pursell

City Employees: Officer M. Fleming – Great Falls Police Department and Patty Cadwell – Neighborhood Council Coordinator

Members of the Public: Jerimiah Johnson, Brooks Hammel, Michael Wisher, Rudolf Tankink, Hannah Rutherford, Tanner Thelen, Hunter Heffley and Cody Babinecz

New Business

Election of Officers

- **Chair** – Sandra Guynn
- **Vice Chair** – Harold Wheeler
- **Secretary** – Dan Payne
- **Delegate to the Council of Councils** – Sandra Guynn
- **Delegate to the City Commission** – Sandra Guynn
- **Delegate to the Police Commission** – Harold Wheeler

Motions were made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the officers as presented.

Community Policing

Officer Fleming provided a brief update on the staffing changes and police dogs. Judy Tankink asked about snow removal and parking. Sandra Guynn asked about the number of accidents in the midst of the past winter storm. Rudolf Tankink asked about the train vs. vehicle accident that was in the county, manpower and computerized terminals which prints off tickets.

Great Falls Development Authority – Conditional Use Permit

Presented by Brooks Hammel – Helena Chemical, Inc. and Jerimiah Johnson of the Great Falls Development Authority

Helena Chemical, Inc., a national agricultural chemical distributor, is proposing to build a facility on a 23-24 acre site consisting of warehouses and buildings on 18th Avenue North (just off River Drive), bringing 25-30 jobs. The landscaping would be in compliance with city ordinances. Dan Payne and Sandra Guynn asked about the kinds of products that will be stored at the facility. The conditional use permit would provide some flexibility for the city to place additional requirements.

Sandra Guynn made a motion to approve the conditional use permit based on the information provided regarding the kinds of chemicals that will be stored on the proposed site. Dan Payne seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Petitions and Communications

None

Other Business:

Next Council of Councils Meeting

The next Council of Councils meeting will be on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 in the Gibson Room (Great Falls Civic Center). Sandra Guynn will be our delegate.

City Meet and Greet

The event will happen on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 5:30-6:30 PM at the Great Falls Civic Center's Gibson Room, giving the public a chance to meet their elected officials and department heads. Dan Payne said he would plan on being there.

Committee Reports

Police Advisory Board

Harold Wheeler briefed us on what was covered in the meeting. DDACTS (**D**ata **D**riven **A**pproaches to **C**rime and **T**raffic **S**afety) is still being used by the Great Falls Police Department. With its use, crime has been reduced but accidents have not. Fireworks and PTSD in police officers were also brought up in the meeting. The January meeting was cancelled.

Design and Review Board

Sandra Guynn went to the meeting on October 22, 2015 regarding changes to their project. The gas station facility will be moved to the front by 10th Avenue South with a 1000 square foot convenience store (as opposed to a small kiosk). These plans were approved by the board.

Council of Councils Meeting

On the meeting which happened on October 28, 2015, Sandra Guynn reported what was covered at that meeting. There was an update on the crisis nursery. Additionally blighted properties were brought up with the main conversation being about the Holman Building. Eric Ray discussed the Neighborhood Watch Program. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Civic Center's Gibson Room.

Old Business:

Minutes

The November minutes were approved as amended.

Traffic Study

Sandra Guynn responded to Curtis Finnicum's concerns in writing regarding the traffic on 52nd Street and 7th Avenue South. Mr. Finnicum responded by stating that we misunderstood him, saying that he was concerned about 53rd Street and 7th Avenue South. Sandra contacted Jerry McKinley regarding this issue and said that traffic study be done in the spring to see if 7th Avenue South could be through street.

Little Free Library

Harold Wheeler said that the free library was doing just fine.

Next Meeting of Neighborhood Council 4

The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 6:30 PM at Heritage Baptist Church, 900 52nd Street North.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Payne – Secretary