

Neighborhood Council 4 Minutes

Thursday, March 26, 2015 – 6:30 PM

Heritage Baptist Church – 900 52nd Street North, Great Falls, MT

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

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

City Employees Present: Todd Seymanski

Members of the Public Present: Mark Reck, George Littlefield, Bryan Keith, Drew Roehm, Curtis Finnicum, Rudolf Tankink, Todd Dymler, Carl Gocksch, Lizzy Brown, Jared Hall

Neighborhood Concerns

George Littlefield – Zoning and Controlled Burns East of Forde's Nursery

George Littlefield brought up an issue on behalf of the owners of Forde's Nursery on 10th Avenue North involving possible commercial zoning and controlled burns being permitted on the neighboring properties as a training exercise.

Carl Gocksch – 9th Avenue South

Carl Gocksch was wondering why 9th Avenue South between from 38th Street west to 25th Street has stop signs on intersecting streets.

New Business

Todd Seymanski – Great Falls City Forrester

Todd Seymanski introduced himself and provided an overview of the Boulevard District and which trees the city is responsible for maintaining. Additionally, he addressed issues and answered questions from the audience and members of the council.

Committee Reports

City Commission

Sandra Guynn attended the City Commission meeting on March 17, 2015. The three ordinances involving the East Side Retail Development and Helena Chemical Inc.'s Conditional Use Permit were approved.

Police Advisory Board

Harold Wheeler attended the latest meeting. The chief of police will be requesting additional funding in the budget for two additional dispatchers and is seriously considering new dispatch system which would streamline things. Additionally, the chief was concerned about failed legislation that would prohibit law enforcement agencies in Montana from accepting military surplus equipment.

East Retail Development

The Community Forum was scheduled and coordinated with Neighborhood Council 5 and the Great Falls Development Authority for April 28, 2015 – 7:00 PM at Lewis and Clark Elementary School discuss the East Retail Development and additional development. Motions were proposed and seconded. The meeting time and location was unanimously approved.

Old Business

Minutes from the February Meeting

The minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

Appoint Member to Fill Council Vacancy

Curtis Finnicum and Rudolf Tankink expressed their interest in the position vacated by Aaron Pursell's resignation. Sandra moved to appoint Curtis Finnicum to Neighborhood Council 4. Dan seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-1 with Judy Tankink dissenting.

Next Meetings

Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting of Neighborhood Council for will be on Thursday, April 23, 2015 – 6:30 PM at Heritage Baptist Church, 900 52nd Street North.

Community Forum

The Community Form which will be hosted by Neighborhood Council 4, Neighborhood Council 5 and the Great Falls Development Authority will be on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 – 7 PM at Lewis and Clark Elementary School, 3800 1st Avenue South.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Payne - Secretary