

Neighborhood Council 4 Minutes
Heritage Baptist Church, 900 52nd Street North
28 May 2015

Council members in attendance: Sandra Guynn, Harold Wheeler, and Judy Tankink
Council members absent: Curtis Finnicum and Dan Payne

Others present: Patty Cadwell, Neighborhood Council Coordinator, Police Officer Scott Bambenek, and members of the public, including four students. See attached sign-in sheet for names.

Chair Sandra opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

New business:

Crime Statistics:

Officer Bambenek gave an update on crime statistics from January – March 2015. Council 4 remains one of the safer neighborhoods in the city. He also reported that frequent disturbance calls are received concerning the Autumn Run Apartments. He answered various questions from those in attendance.

CHS – Proposed Annexation and Zoning:

Sandra reported that she attended the Planning Advisory Board/Zoning Commission meeting on May 12 at which they unanimously approved annexation and zoning for CHS Nutrition. This property is currently within county boundaries. The company has no plans to change their business operations, and requested annexation and zoning in order to receive city services. A motion was made and seconded that Council 4 recommend to the City Commission that they approve this annexation and zoning proposal. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Police Advisory Board:

Harold reported that arrests are up, but that support services are down. He also reported that there were several assaults against police officers. Officer Bambenek confirmed that this number is high, because of mental illness and the use of drugs. In reply to a question asked by Sandra, he confirmed that primarily because of social media, prostitution is “rampant”, but hidden in Great Falls.

East Retail Development:

Sandra confirmed that Walmart is the box store that will be built on said property. She read the names of the businesses that were mentioned at the April 30th Community Forum that residents would like to see as possible tenants for the four outlots on the property.

Council of Councils Meeting Update:

- Holman Building – Sandra reported that city staff met with the owner, at which time he agreed to improve the facade of the building. Council 2 reported that no improvements have been made to date.

- Code Information On Mobile Vending Units – After discussion following a presentation given by Planning/Community Development, Sandra reported that the delegates voted unanimously to recommend that the department review and make additions/revisions as needed to the ordinance that governs mobile food vendors.

Old Business:

Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended minutes of the April 23 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 30th Community Forum meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Property East of Bundi Gardens:

Sandra reported that the property immediately east of Bundi Gardens was approved for a zone change by the County Commissioners on May 26th. According to information Patty Cadwell received from the County Planning office, the owner of the property may build storage units for RVs and boats.

Funding for the Local Government Center:

Sandra reported that City Commissioner Bronson informed her that the Local Government Center, which conducts Open Meeting Law training, was fully funded by the 2015 legislature for the next two years.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Guynn, Chair and Acting Secretary