

## NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### DISTRICT 4

Thursday, July 24, 2014

Heritage Baptist Church, 900 52nd Street North

6:30 PM

#### CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

Council Members present: Sandra Guynn, Judy Tankink, Dan Payne, and Aaron Pursell

Council Member absent: Harold Wheeler

Members of the public: Patty Cadwell, Neighborhood Council Coordinator; Neva Jackson, Mary Kraft, Rudolf Tankink, and Curtis Finnicum.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Kathy Mora, Great Falls Public Library Director, gave an extensive overview of the services provided by the library. She also provided historical information from the first subscription library which was established in 1890, all the way through present day. Ms. Mora also talked about the current budget in which they receive funds from the City, County, State, donations/bequests, grants, and *Friends of the Library*. She stated that the *Great Falls Public Library Foundation* is also a funding source. The *Great Falls Public Library Foundation* has assets in excess of \$3.6 Million and will give the library approximately \$137,575 this year. She explained that changes in library staff were necessary in order to accommodate budget cuts.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

Judy talked about the recent Great Falls 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in which an estimated 25,000 people lined the parade route to watch approximately 75 floats. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade is funded totally through private donations. Judy wanted to make a public statement to thank the Committee for providing such a successful event for the residents of Great Falls.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sandra gave the Police Advisory Board report in Harold's absence. She gave information on budget, ammunition acquisition, transition to automated non-emergency phone system, two new dispatchers were hired, as well as a brief update on meth usage in Great Falls.

Sandra asked for input on the City's current fireworks policy. Comments included: wishing that they would eliminate fireworks altogether; current policy is adequate; current policy seems to be working; other cities in the state have tried to ban fireworks but it hasn't been successful; people need to clean up the mess after shooting off fireworks.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Sandra said that 38<sup>th</sup> Street maintenance will be scheduled when funding is available from Montana DOT; hopefully next construction season.
- Sandra said that NC5 approved Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> for a joint NC5/NC4 meeting (location to be determined).
- Update from Sandra on the Abatement fund. Patty Cadwell told Sandra that the abatement fund is being used and will be replenished.
- The June 26, 2014 minutes were approved unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 6:30. There will be a brief meeting followed by a tour of the City's water plant.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:39

Submitted by: Judy Tankink, NC4 Secretary