

Minutes Neighborhood Council 3 (NC3)

2/1/2018

Riverview Elementary School---Music Room

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Tim Austin at 7PM.

**Council Members present:** Tim Austin, Cyndi Baker, Sue Dickenson

**Council Members absent:** Kathleen Gessaman, Max Mauch ( came late)

**Unfinished Business:** none

**Minutes**—read, corrected and approved. (M—Baker, 2<sup>nd</sup>---Dickenson, 3-0)

**Committee Reports**

**City Commission**

**Planning Board**

**Police Advisory :** did not meet, will meet next month.

**School Board:** will meet Feb. 20 , Paris Gibson Education Center, 5:30-6:30 to discuss next year's budget. Community attendance and comments encouraged.

**Communications with residents:** confusion over the crime stats which were put on the Riverview Neighbors website after our last meeting. Cyndi suggested we ask that commercial and residential theft be separated. Will explore that but wonder if it can be easily done. Also there are concerns expressed over the amount of car vandalism in our area. Wonder if if all of those incidents are even reported to police. Neighborhood reminded to put their vehicles in a garage where possible, do not have valuables in vehicle and in sight, and lock their doors.

**Neighborhood Watch:** no report. Will remove this item from agenda from now on.

**Other**

**Calumet Report:** Joe Downer, environmental supervisor, attended. Nothing much to report except for one reported overage of NOx release and a small release into the Missouri River 1/8 due to old contamination making its way to river. Has been remediated.

During cold weather, because of the machinery effected, there are more and longer flaring events. Combustion, rather than releasing in gaseous form is safer and more environmentally benign.

A question was asked about the number of employees at the refinery now that construction is ended. Joe is uncertain of the number—around 190. Most likely the refinery will not be doing any other expansion projects in the near future.

**Approval of Bylaws**—M—Dickenson, 2<sup>nd</sup>—Baker, 3-0 yes. Approved.

**New Business**

**Commission work sessions**—Tim reported these items of interest---2/7 public meeting to discuss transportation issues, 4-8PM. Public please attend!! Mar/Apr Town Meetings on Park Proposal.

Cyndi asked when we would be having neighbors attend an informational meeting about the proposed slaughterhouse. Patty C. warned that if we were to do this, be prepared for

a large crowd. Sue pointed out that at this point, the public has no way to be involved locally as the zoning change has been approved by the county and the process is now at the state level. The DEQ be doing the permitting, etc. and there will be opportunity for public input down the line. Sue will check with DEQ and see where the facility is in the process and when there will opportunity for public comment. If we choose, we could include the item in a future meeting.

Council picked 4/17 to attend the Commission work session to offer info about the concerns of our neighborhood.

**Neighborhood Concerns:** Sue shared a concern brought to her about speeding and heavy traffic on 17<sup>th</sup> Ave NW from CMR to the end of the block going east. She will contact that person and ask them to come to our next meeting and bring neighbors with similar concern. Then the process can begin, first step being talking with Jerry McKinley, public works director. Council and attending citizens discussed the difficulty of controlling the traffic on that street. One suggestion was to inform our police representative and ask that they consider extra patrols during the lunch hour when possible to act as a deterrent. The fine for speeding in a school zone is substantial.

**Other Business:**

**Council of Councils report:** Tim reported info presented by GF Fire District, the Park District (concerning the ballot initiative on increasing funds for parks maintenance, etc.), and Transportation Planning Dept. The latter explained the complicated nature of using gas tax moneys for road improvements and maintenance. Request that people attend the public meeting on 2/7, for needed input.

Also discussion of Community Development Block Grants indicated a larger amount of funds available for distribution in Cascade County this year. A survey was passed out asking for ideas from the community. Audience members took them, as did the council. Very important to get general ideas from community for worthwhile projects.

Discussed having Benefis's "Stop the Bleed" program come for a meeting. Deals with proper ways to use tourniquets to save lives. Since the program is 1 hour long, would not be appropriate for NC meeting, but we could publicize where and when the program is happening in other venues so our neighborhoods were informed.

**Miscellaneous**

Cyndi will be gone for next meeting.

Agenda suggestions---Person to discuss Community Block Grants.

Information on Stone Meadow Development when timely.

Adjourned----M—Baker, 2<sup>nd</sup>—Dickenson, 4-0 passed, 8PM