

Special Meeting Minutes Neighborhood Council 3 (NC3)
July 16, 2020, 1 p.m.
Great Falls Civic Center Gibson Room

CALL TO ORDER: at 1:12 p.m. by Sue Dickenson, Chair.

Council members present: Sue Dickenson, Kathleen Gessaman, Sharron Mashburn, Joanne Thompson, Eric Peterson.

NEW BUSINESS

-Vision & Goal Setting continues with Mark Willmarth, training and development coordinator for the City of Great Falls

Question 4. What are the top 3 issues/priorities for NC3 in the next 1-3 years?

Mark created a statement that took what makes us unique and placed it into a paragraph

-He thinks the conversation was interesting as our neighborhood has different challenges and we're different than other neighborhoods

-The things that are unique about us is what drives what we want to accomplish

--Planning session summary he provided reflects what we did during the last session

-We need to push ourselves out one year, it will be a focused effort by all of us

--At the end of the year "We're going to make our neighborhood better"

GFPS Foundation goal setting example

-Every child has a potential

-Believe in connecting community to schools

-Supporting families in life-long learning

-There is a need for enhancement in our schools

-We as a community can make a difference in our schools

NC3-"We are a place where neighbors can be heard"

-What does that look like in practice?

We need to create a culture of how people engage with us

-How are we engaging with the community?

-This is where goals and actions make a difference

Themes that come up in our questions developed from the last vision and goal setting session:

-Need to increase attendance

-Need to improve communication

-Need to provide assistance

Our goal is to make a one-page sheet that explains what we are here for

-Mark, "Sometimes you need to stress the Golden Rule"

-What culture are we trying to create?

--A culture where people are heard, we address problems, we solve problems

We have an affection and an appreciation for where we live

NC2-had a issue with a lack of city sidewalks in their neighborhood
-They are trying to address this problem

Increase attendance

- Create a sense of community
- Host ice cream socials
- Go and visit neighbors and businesses in the neighborhood
- Be proactive with potential issues in the neighborhood
- Should there be another goal focusing on future issues that might pop up?
- What are the things in our neighborhood that may present problems?
- We need to get in front of issues that may come up
- We should be looking forward and asking questions of things that could possibly become problems and get ahead of them

Our beliefs should include: "We want someone to walk away knowing they were heard"

Two issues we determined are needed for us to work on:

- 1) We need to improve communication
- 2) We need to provide assistance

Projects may include dog parks, ice cream socials, etc.

- What do we want to put our energy into?

Create a goal statement that begins with, "We will," or "We must"

- We will, we must: increase our communication and engagement with our neighbors
- This statement addresses two things: communication and engagement
- All members need to be focused on the same goals
- We will, we must: listen, support and assist neighbors with city resources to solve their problems

The two goal statements are a living, breathing thing

- A new problem or opportunity may pop up

Our focus point: we are starting today and moving forward

- This will give us something to explain to people when we describe who we are and what we do

Mark will now write our goals down for us

- We will add sub bullets to show how we will achieve these goals
- Do we have the time and energy to complete the goals?

Today or tomorrow, Mark will update these goals and send two sheets of information to us

- When we fill the material in we will have created a roadmap for what we need to do

-The next regular meeting is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, September 3, 2020. The location is dependent on the Riverview School's Music Room availability.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Eric Peterson, secretary.