

Minutes Neighborhood Council 3 (NC3)
Thursday, January 7, 2021, 7 p.m.
Online Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: at 7 p.m. by Sue Dickenson, Chair.

Council members present: Sue Dickenson, Kathleen Gessaman, Sharron Mashburn, Joanne Thompson, Eric Peterson. Guest speaker: Joe Dauner. Residents attending meeting: Carol Bronson, Robert Dormady.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Minutes from the November NC3 meeting:** Sharron Mashburn made the motion to accept the November minutes as written. Joanne Thompson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the council members.
- **Committee reports:** Joanne Thompson attended the virtual meeting of the Cascade City-County Health Department on January 6. She said complaints concerning the COVID-19 issue with businesses have been reduced. The department will be continuing the mask mandate for the county, even if it is removed by the state government. She said the vaccine distribution is going well and is on target. The department is no longer behind in contact tracing. Sue Dickenson said she read in a newspaper article that Governor Gianforte may remove educators and child care personnel from the early vaccination category. She said she may call the governor's office to register a complaint as she thinks educators should be in a higher category. Sharron Mashburn noted that the Great Falls Public School Board meeting scheduled for December 16 was not streamed live due to technical difficulties. She said that Malmstrom Air Force Base had announced that three Great Falls schools were recognized as Purple Star Schools by the Montana Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission. The three schools named for this recognition were Loy Elementary School, North Middle School, and Charles M. Russell High School.
- **Calumet Update:** Joe Dauner discussed a significant event occurring at the refinery. He said on November 7 the company experienced an unexpected shutdown due to a power shortage caused by a problem with Northwestern Energy transmission lines. He said the COVID-19 wave has slowed down processes. Calumet has had zero recordable injuries in 2020. The company has had unintended discharges with some occurring from the flare related to the November 7 event.
- **Vision and goal setting follow-up:** No significant information discussed.
- **NC3 Facebook page update:** Eric Peterson covered the Neighborhood Council 3 Facebook page insights for the previous 28 days. The page has added eight more likes for a total of 219. There are now 231 page followers. Between December 10 and January 6 the page reached 331 people for a decrease of 17 percent. There were 14 posts during the past month, and the weekly Sunday NC3 crimemapping post collected the most attention. The most popular times our audience is viewing our page is at 10 a.m. or between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Annual election of officers:** Joanne Thompson made a motion for all officers to remain in their current positions for this year. Sharron Mashburn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Sue Dickenson encouraged NC3 members to fill out the City of Great Falls Conflict Disclosure Forms and get them to Lanni Klasner's office by the January 31 deadline.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- **Neighborhood Concerns:** Carol Bronson said NC7 member Sandy Rice is preparing an updated list of important city contacts and phone numbers.
- Sue Dickenson said she has talked with Cascade County Commissioner Jane Weber on the 6th Street Northwest traffic problem. She also will speak with City Commissioner Mary Moe and see if the city and county can prioritize improvements to the road. Americorps volunteers are also interested in working with neighborhood councils to fix up the Little Free Libraries located in parks.

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- Eric Peterson will provide the next three virtual meeting dates and times to Great Falls Police Officer McAdam to see if he is available to provide a home security camera presentation to the council.
- Sue Dickenson said members should conduct a review of the NC3 bylaws after the February meeting as there may be small changes needed.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Eric Peterson, secretary.