

**Minutes Neighborhood Council 3 (NC3)**  
**Thursday, May 6, 2021, 7 p.m.**  
**Redeemer Lutheran Church - Fellowship Room**

**CALL TO ORDER:** at 7:03 p.m. by Sue Dickenson, Chair.

Council members present: Sue Dickenson, Joanne Thompson, Eric Peterson. Guest speakers: Calumet Environmental Manager Joe Dauner.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Minutes from the April NC3 meeting:** Eric Peterson made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Joanne Thompson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously as written.
- **Committee reports:** Joanne Thompson attended the City-County Health Department meeting held on May 5, 2021. She reported Health Officer Trisha Gardner said Cascade County has seen a slight increase in COVID-19 with 117 new cases. The case rate in the county is now at 25 per 100,000. Last month our county rate was at 10.5 cases per 100,000. She considered the increase is due to new COVID variants. She said there are now 28,833 people vaccinated in the county, which is nearly half of the 64,000 people eligible for the vaccination. She said COVID is spreading more between the 20-40-year old age group and soon individuals aged 12-15 will be approved for the vaccination.
- **Calumet update:** Calumet Environmental Manager Joe Dauner said the plant turnaround in April went really well. He said his company has had no COVID issues with personnel coming in to work from out of state. There have been no injuries and they are very happy with the month of April. Joe Dauner provided public communication on Calumet's new project to the council. He said the letter of information will be provided to residents living in the area of the refinery and to community leaders. The letter explained the remedial systems associated with their Truck Loading Rack that will begin later this summer and fall.
- **NC3 Facebook page update:** Eric Peterson provided a Neighborhood Council 3 Facebook page update providing page insights for the past 28 days. During the last month there has been 16 page posts. The post that reached the most people was a flyer provided by Carol Bronson that contained information on the Montana Highway Patrol's unused medicine disposal location. This post reached 362 people. We have gained six more likes on our page for a total of 270 page likes.
- **NeighborWorks Community Cleanup:** Due to the weather forecast for the weekend, members of the council decided to postpone the cleanup event until June 5. Since Jaycee Park is having underground sprinklers installed, council members will meet at Skyline Park at 9 a.m. and work at cleaning the park until 11 a.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Sue Dickenson discussed the recent construction occurring south of Smelter Avenue and between Division Road and 1st Avenue N.W. Communications Specialist Lanni Klasner said she had emailed members of the council information on the proposed apartment complex. At this point, the contractor had received a permit to move dirt and was working on getting a permit for construction.

- Eric Peterson suggested we recognize the pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church for allowing us to meet in the Fellowship Room during the pandemic. A certificate of appreciation or a thank you card is scheduled to be presented to the pastor during the next NC3 meeting on June 3, 2021.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Eric Peterson will contact the appropriate person at NorthWestern Energy or the City of Great Falls to request information on the installation of a power meter in Valley View Park.
- The new recreation center hearing will be sent over a live feed on the city website. Neighborhood Council 9 has voted positively on the issue.

#### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- The Council of Councils will meet May 25, 2021 in the Civic Center Gibson Room. The agenda includes information on the Community Block Grant Program, an introduction to the new Great Falls Chief of Police Jeff Newton, and a report on what the nine councils have been doing.

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

- The deadline to file for Neighborhood Council positions is June 21, 2021.
- We may want to look at inviting a representative from the Little Shell Tribe to discuss their new medical clinic located in the Riverview area.
- Eric Peterson suggested we look at pursuing funding from the state to improve 6th Street N.W. He discussed a joint project between the state and city that was nominated through the Transportation Improvement Program process to improve 9th Street N.W. from Central Avenue to the Northwest Bypass. Sue Dickenson said she would contact city or county leaders to discuss this issue prior to our next meeting.

#### **ADJOURN**

Joanne Thompson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Eric Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Eric Peterson, secretary.