

Minutes Neighborhood Council 3 (NC3) Special Meeting

September 16, 2021, 9 a.m.

Planning and Community Development Conference Room - Civic Center Room 112

CALL TO ORDER: at 9 a.m. by Sue Dickenson, Chair.

Council members present: Sue Dickenson, Eric Peterson, Joanne Thompson, Sue Steichen

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Little Shell Tribal Health Clinic Grand Opening and NC3 Ice Cream Social:** The grand opening of the clinic has been rescheduled for November 12, 2021. Sue Dickenson said she is concerned about our event interfering with the grand opening of the clinic. Sue Steichen said she wants us to be careful on welcoming the new clinic into the neighborhood, to be inclusive and recognize that many members of the tribe have been long-time residents of our neighborhoods. Sue Dickenson was also concerned about the NeighborWorks funding being carried over into November. City of Great Falls Communications Specialist Lanni Klasner said she feels NeighborWorks would be agreeable to doing so. She said November is also National Native American Heritage Month. Joanne Thompson made the motion to hold the Neighborhood Council 3 welcoming event for the new Little Shell Tribal Health Clinic on November 12. Eric Peterson seconded the motion, and the motion passed. The name of the event will be "Neighborhood Council 3 celebrates the grand opening of the Little Shell Health Clinic." The social hour sponsored by NC3 will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the new clinic. Sue Dickenson suggested that we direct people to our NC3 Facebook page to receive updates on the event. She also suggested that we produce a public service announcement. Lanni Klasner suggested that we post a sign at Jaycee Park stating that the event has been rescheduled to November 12 at the clinic. Sue Dickenson said that we might want to consider having an ice cream social next spring or summer once the new Little Free Library has been placed in Jaycee Park. She said it would also be an opportunity to celebrate the new park features that were recently built.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Neighborhood Watch Ambassador (council volunteer):** The City of Great Falls Chief of Police asked in May for Neighborhood Council volunteers to serve as Neighborhood Watch Ambassadors. Volunteers can help answer questions residents may have on the Neighborhood Watch program and help set up programs in their neighborhoods. The ambassador will be a go-to person for information on the program. Great Falls Police Lt. Munkres will serve as the point of contact for the program for the department. Eric Peterson volunteered to serve as NC3 Neighborhood Watch Ambassador.
- **Council Update to City Commission:** Lanni Klasner said NC3 is allowed 15 minutes to speak directly to the members of the Great Falls City Commission. Neighborhood Council presentations will start up again in September. The presentation will take place during the commission work session. Sue Dickenson suggested using the commission's meeting on December 7 as the day for NC3's presentation to the city council.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Lanni Klasner said the Council of Councils meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on September 28 at the Great Falls Civic Center.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

- Eric Peterson asked that the council discuss the issues City of Great Falls Fire Chief Jeremy Jones brought up during our regular September meeting. The chief is concerned about the lack of firefighters and fire stations in the city to cover emergencies. He said the response time to get to a fire in Eagles Crossing is 12 minutes when it should be no more than four minutes from the time they leave the station. Sue Dickenson suggested having this issue placed on the October meeting agenda to be discussed by NC3.

ADJOURN

Joanne Thompson made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Sue Dickenson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by Sue Dickenson at 9:53 a.m.

The next regular NC3 meeting will be held Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Peterson, secretary.