

Minutes Neighborhood Council 3 (NC3)
January 6, 2022, 7 p.m.
Riverview Elementary School - Music Room

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

Council members present: Sue Dickenson, Kathleen Gessaman, Garri Mauch, Eric Peterson, Sue Steichen.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Minutes from the December meetings** - Kathleen Gessaman made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Garri Mauch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Calumet Update:** Joe Dauner said the refinery had one serious injury since his last report to the council. There was a power outage near Christmas time that caused extraordinary flaring. The first phase of the renewable diesel project has begun construction. He said comments on waste water permits should be directed to the City of Great Falls. An updated asphalt unit is another project under construction. Sue Steichen asked for the number of people who were hired from out of state to assist. Joe Dauner said there are approximately 50 temporary workers for the next six months but Calumet has hired 20 long-term jobs lasting for the foreseeable future.
- **Vision and Goal Setting:** Sue Dickenson discussed the vision and goal setting process that the council accomplished in 2020. She said the project allowed members to increase communication with each other. Kathleen Gessaman said she thought the council did a good job and didn't know where vision and goals could be improved. Eric Peterson will send out the vision and goal setting worksheets that were used to all members of the council to review. Sue Dickenson said we'll need to clarify that these goals are still current. She said we'll revisit this issue in February.
- **NC3 Facebook Page Update** - Eric Peterson said our NC3 Facebook page was up more than 55 percent this past month and reached 5,133 people. He said we added 17 new likes and 25 new followers to the page and the total likes is 392 and total followers are 434. The top content performer for the month was the photograph of the GF lit up on Hill 57 that reached 2,400 people, followed by the swearing in ceremony for our new mayor, council members, and neighborhood council representatives. That post reached 2,300 people. The council will need to appoint a new alternate Facebook page administrator, as Joanne Thompson has left the council. Garri Mauch said she would serve as the alternate Facebook administrator.
- **Little Free Library in Skyline Park** - Eric Peterson said he had sent Carol Bronson of NeighborWorks Great Falls an email asking if her organization would agree to transfer the remainder of funds from the grant provided for the social event at the Little Shell Tribal Health Clinic to be used for our Little Free Library Fundraiser for Skyline Park. Garri Mauch suggested that we continue to raise funds from residents living in the district before applying funds from the grant to the cost of the library. The total cost to purchase and install the library is \$683.25 and we have currently raised \$300. Eric Peterson said he will use this information on our NC3 Facebook page to try and generate additional interest in donations.
- **Josh Butterfly Concerns** - Sue Dickenson said she read information left by Josh Butterfly during our last meeting in December. She said according to the health department report the individual he described that was exposed to hazardous material while working in the business opted not to be decontaminated. She was pleased that Mayor Kelly sat down with him to discuss the options for what he can do.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Skyline update - Great Falls Park and Recreation** - Sue Dickenson asked City of Great Falls Park and Recreation Director Steve Herrig what were the improvements planned for Skyline

Park. Steve Herrig asked that the council contact Park and Recreation prior to conducting a ceremony for the new Little Free Library. He said they like to place the libraries near the sidewalk leading to the playground. He said there is a plan to work on irrigation in the park and to take care of the mulch located under the play structure. He said there is a need for a site-specific master plan for Skyline Park. There is a group from Missoula that has done some free master plans for two parks in the city. He said his department is more than happy to hear any ideas on park improvements from the council and will contact the group in Missoula to see if they would be available for recommendations. His department budget has seen zero increases in the last two years, but the budget is losing in value due to cost increases in materials and resources. Garri Mauch said she was interested in serving on the NC3 Park and Recreation committee. Sue Steichen said the northeastern portion of the park might serve as a good parking area and suggested using part of the park as a dog park. Sue Dickenson said if an irrigation system is placed in the park we need to make sure this doesn't cause a water problem for homeowners in the area. She said in the past residents have not supported tax increases, but neighborhood councils could be a cheerleader in helping to educate citizens on the value of parks. Steve Herrig said nice parks and trails attract residents and businesses. Sue Steichen asked what the future was for Skyline Park. Steve Herrig said sidewalks and irrigation has been planned for the park and he hopes sidewalks leading to the playground structure will be put in this summer. Sidewalks constructed around the perimeter of the park will be the responsibility of the Public Works Department.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Election of Officers** - Garri Mauch nominated Kathleen Gessaman to serve as chair of NC3. Eric Peterson seconded the nomination and Kathleen Gessaman was elected unanimously as chair. Kathleen Gessaman nominated Sue Steichen to serve as vice chair. Sue Dickenson seconded the nomination and Sue Steichen was elected unanimously as vice chair. Garri Mauch nominated Eric Peterson to serve as secretary. Kathleen Gessaman seconded the nomination and Eric Peterson was elected unanimously as secretary. Kathleen Gessaman nominated Garri Mauch to serve as official delegate. Sue Steichen seconded the nomination and Garri Mauch was elected unanimously as official delegate.
- **Resident addresses for the Record** - City of Great Falls Communications Specialist discussed how the city has dropped the requirement for speakers to list addresses during city commission meetings. She said some neighborhood councils have adopted this policy. Eric Peterson made the motion to change the current statement on NC3 agendas from, "When addressing the council, state your name and address for the record," to "When addressing the council, state your name and if you reside in the district of Neighborhood Council 3." Kathleen Gessaman seconded the motion and the motion passed on a unanimous vote of NC3 members.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

- Eric Peterson displayed a NC3 graphic that included the Northview addition name in the design. NC3 members approved adding the Northview name in the graphic design for use on our Facebook page and for promoting NC3 during events and activities.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by Sue Dickenson at 8:40 p.m.

The next regular NC3 meeting will be held Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Peterson, secretary.