

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

CALL TO ORDER: at 7 p.m. by Kathleen Gessaman, Chair.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- **Minutes from the January meeting** - Sue Steichen made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Garri Mauch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Committee Reports** - Sue Steichen attended the online Health Department meeting held on January 5. She said a bad strain of Type A Flu is rampant right now. Since Trisha Gardner left the department they are looking for a new health officer. She said the city would like input on the hiring of a new department head.
- **Zoom meetings** - Garri Mauch would like to connect the community with Neighborhood Council 3 through the use of Zoom call meetings and would like to add the issue to the March meeting agenda. Carol Bronson suggested adding an external camera to the computer. She said we should check with Great Falls Communications Specialist Lanni Klasner to see if city equipment is available.
- **NC3 Facebook Page Update** - Eric Peterson said our NC3 Facebook page has had 14 posts during the past 28 days. We've reached 1,796 people during this timeframe, down 62 percent. Our most popular posts were an image of a sunset viewed from Valley View that reached 695 people, a group photograph of Neighborhood Council 3 members at the city board training held at the Great Falls Civic Center that reached 455 people, and a Little Free Library donation update that reached 275 people. We gained 20 new page likes for a current total of 411 Facebook page likes and have 454 people following the page.
- **Fundraising for Little Free Library in Skyline Park** - Garri Mauch said the Great Falls Public Library Foundation is out of the office and we'll have a total on the fundraising in March. She said she is excited to have a celebration to introduce the new Little Free Library.

NEW BUSINESS

- Garri Mauch discussed changing NC3 meeting times. Eric Peterson will conduct an informal poll on the NC3 Facebook page stating: To make Great Falls Neighborhood Council 3 meetings more accessible to the residents living in our district, what scheduled time would be most convenient for you to attend a regular monthly meeting? The following times will be posted: 5:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 7 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Bylaw Review & Political Speaker Policy** - Kathleen Gessaman read the Political Speaker Policy to the council. She suggested limiting speakers to no more than 15 minutes each during council meetings. She said the bylaw review would be placed on hold for this month.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- **Neighborhood Concerns** - Garri Mauch asked if anyone had any issues they wanted to bring to the council. Neighborhood resident Sarah Roblin was concerned about residents not shoveling their sidewalks. Eric Peterson said he could post reminders on the NC3 Facebook page for people to shovel following a snowstorm. She asked where the elderly and those needing help shoveling would go for help taking care of their sidewalks. NC3 members will look into seeing if there is a clearinghouse for individuals needing help shoveling snow.

- Sue Steichen said she would like to know what people would like to see added to their neighborhood parks. Resident Sarah Roblin suggested adding adaptive playground equipment for children who may need this in the parks.
- **Potential traffic issue for the new complex on Smelter** - Kathleen Gessaman suggested having representatives from the city and state come speak on this issue during the April meeting. Garri Mauch was concerned about the height of the buildings being built at the location. She said according to city codes the buildings are within the three-story limit of 43 feet tall.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

- Eric Peterson asked that council representatives update their biographies for use in the NC3 brochure.

ADJOURN

Garri Mauch made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sue Steichen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by Kathleen Gessaman at 8:27 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted, Eric Peterson, secretary.