

**Minutes Neighborhood Council 3 (NC3)**  
**September 1, 2022, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Riverview Elementary School - Music Room**

**CALL TO ORDER:** at 6:30 p.m. by Kathleen Gessaman, Chair.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Minutes from the June meeting** - Sue Steichen made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Eric Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Committee Reports** - There were no committee reports given.
- **Calumet Updates** - There was no update from Calumet provided.
- **Vision and Goal Setting** - Will be held for future discussion.
- **NC3 Facebook Page Update** - Eric Peterson said we now have 493 Facebook page likes and 570 followers. There have been 46 posts to our page during the summer. The July 21 post with the greatest audience reach of 1100 people was the post with photographs of the United States Air Force Thunderbirds practice show with their aircraft flying over NC3. The July 29 media release from Calumet concerning the refinery shutdown reached 803 people, and the June 2 post with a link to the City of Great Falls Neighborhood Guide to the city code reached 619 people. Peterson also covered Crimemapping data from June 1 through August 31 for the NC3 area. During the summer months there have been 136 theft/larceny reports, 16 assaults, 3 fraud reports, 3 motor vehicle thefts, 15 vandalisms, 2 drug and alcohol violations, 6 DUIs, 7 reports of disturbing the peace, and 13 burglary reports.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **West Ridge Subdivision (Phase 10)** - Property owner Shawna Rothwell and builder Kyle Moore discussed Phase 10 of the West Ridge Subdivision. The development will consist of 10 single family homes, 20 town homes, 10 four plex lots. There will be fences and trees added to the landscaping. A homeowners association will also ensure the landscaping matches previous construction. The development started on 33rd Avenue and will progress to 43rd Avenue. Sue Steichen made a motion to approve the project presented to the council. Eric Peterson seconded the motion, and the motion passed.
- **Summer Celebration** - Garri Mauch said the new Little Free Library in Skyline Park was the reason the idea of having a Summer Celebration held at the pavilion from noon to 2 p.m. in Jaycee Park on Saturday, September 10. She said she will be meeting with representatives of the Park and Recreation Department and her goal is to have additional playground equipment added to Skyline Park. She said during the celebration there will be a face painter, the Frosty ice cream truck, live music by Joe Ryan, and a bouncy house for the kids available. She said members of the council will have tickets available for residents to get ice cream. City of Great Falls Communications Specialist Lanni Klasner asked if the council could reach out to the Park and Recreation Department to have them locate sprinkler heads for placement of the bouncy house. She said since it was a neighborhood council event permits for the event would be waved, but NC3 would have to let the City-County Health Department know ice cream would be served at the event. Garri Mauch said Narvarro and sons, Tree Amigos, and Calumet would be sponsoring the event.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- **Neighborhood Concerns** - Josh Butterfly and Marcos Bullchild discussed an issue they witnessed that happened in a local Great Falls restaurant on July 28, 2019. According to them,

Marcos Bullchild was exposed to toxic fire extinguishing material when a sprinkler system burst and as a result experienced chemical burns. Bullchild said he was lightheaded and dizzy following the incident and he went to the emergency room four different times. He was concerned that he was serving contaminated food to the public. Kathy Gessaman asked what it was Neighborhood Council 3 could do for them as we are an advisory group to the city commission. Josh Butterfly said they were just trying to do the right thing to get the information out and make sure the community knows what happened.

- Josh Butterfly was also concerned about the height of the fence surrounding the dog park located on River Road. He recently had a dog get out of the park and was wondering if they could raise the fence higher. Garri Mauch said she would bring it up to the Park and Recreation Department representatives when she meets with them in October. She said Butterfly could also make the phone call and bring up the issue with the Park and Recreation Department.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

- Sue Steichen said she has had two neighbors talk to her about the area of 6th Street N.W. and Skyline Drive. She said they are concerned because tumbleweeds have blown into the residential area from a nearby county field. She talked with Cascade County Public Works Director Les Payne and he said he had already contacted the owner of the field to cut the weeds. They are also concerned about it being a fire hazard. Sue Steichen said she would follow up on the issue prior to the next meeting.
- Eric Peterson said the Neighborhood Council 3 tri-fold was nearing completion. He asked that the members look over the brochure for errors. City of Great Falls Communications Specialist Lanni Klasner said she could print some for distribution during our Summer Celebration.
- Eric Peterson also asked if the council could invite Tawny Cale to the regular October meeting to receive her Neighborhood Council Good Neighbor Award and the Neighborhood Council 3 Certificate of Appreciation.
- Sue Steichen said many families of employees working at the Calumet upgrade have moved to the area and have enrolled children in local schools. Garri Mauch said she knows of someone who may be able to come speak to address any concerns. City of Great Falls Communication Specialist Lanni Klasner suggested asking Great Falls Public Schools Superintendent Tom Moore to discuss the impact the additional residents of the new apartment complex being built near Riverview Elementary School will have with additional student numbers in local schools and traffic safety in the area.

### **ADJOURN**

Garri Mauch made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kathy Gessaman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by Kathleen Gessaman at 7:43 p.m.

The next regular NC3 meeting will be held Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Peterson, secretary.