

Minutes Neighborhood Council 3 (NC3)
December 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: Sue Dickenson, Kathleen Gessaman, Garri Mauch, Eric Peterson.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Minutes from the November meeting** - Sue Dickenson made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Eric Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Committee Reports** - There were no reports presented by the council members.
- **Calumet Updates** - There was no update from Calumet provided.
- **Vision and Goal Setting** - Vision and goal setting will be held for a future meeting.
- **NC3 Facebook Page Update** - Eric Peterson provided the Facebook page update for the month of November. He said the Facebook page has six new page likes for a total of 505 likes. There were eight new page followers for a total of 595 followers. He said the most popular post for the month was our meeting announcement. The second most popular post was a Sunday Crimemapping.com data posted in the middle of November.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- **Neighborhood Concerns** - Resident Rodney Myers said he ran unsuccessfully for a school board seat in the spring. He said during the first school board meeting he attended following the election he was approached by a school board member who said, "Well, you made a good showing and what we learned is the people of Great Falls like their school district just the way it is." He said he is going to all of the neighborhood councils and asking if the council members agree with that trustee. Garri Mauch said she backs the board and their decisions and said issues can be brought up with them during school board meetings. She said she didn't think it was an appropriate question to ask the council. Eric Peterson said it was a rude thing to have said to a candidate who had run for the position. Kathy Gessaman said it was good to get new viewpoints and different generational ideas. She said that there was always room for improvement. Sue Dickenson asked if he wanted to change things. Rodney Myers said he said he didn't think it was acceptable that 70 percent of students were less than proficient in math. Sue Dickenson said she served in the state legislature and 20 years ago the state started disinvesting in public education and left funding to the local districts. She said we don't have the tax base in the local districts to keep schools at the high level that we want them to be. She said she agrees there is always room for improvement and getting new people involved is very important. Garri Mauch suggested he didn't necessarily have to be a member of the school board. She said he could volunteer to be part of the school system and offer to help them.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

- Eric Peterson suggested taking time during a future meeting to plan for a presentation to be given to the Great Falls City Commission. Great Falls Communications Specialist Lanni Klasner said the commission would be open to hearing issues from our council during a scheduled commission meeting since their work sessions have become too busy.

- Sue Dickenson said she wanted to thank Garri Mauch for organizing the Neighborhood Council 3 Summer Celebration in Jaycee Park. She said it was well attended and we all appreciate what she did.
- Eric Peterson said he has a friend who attended the NC3 Summer Celebration event and was impressed with the new pavilion in Jaycee Park. He said he would like to look into planning to generate funds to place a pavilion in Skyline Park and Valley View Park, and thought it would require \$40,000. He asked if the members would like him to come and give a presentation to the council. Lanni Klasner said that any fundraising might be able to go to the Park and Recreation Foundation. She said we would need to present a proposal to the Park and Recreation Board. Sue Dickenson said we might be able to accommodate a presentation during the meeting in January.

ADJOURN

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

The next regular NC3 meeting will be held Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Peterson, secretary.