

**Minutes Neighborhood Council 3 (NC3)**  
**January 5, 2023, 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 December meeting** - Sue Steichen made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Eric Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Committee Reports** - Eric Peterson provided a Crimemapping report for the month of December. Crimes reported in the Neighborhood Council 3 area included: one robbery, four burglaries, 38 theft/larcenies, five vandalisms, three DUIs, five disturbing the peace violations, four assaults, two fraud violations, and no car thefts or drug/alcohol violations.
- **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 December. He said the Facebook page had 514 total page likes and 599 total page followers. During the past 28 days the page reached 1,090 people. There was a post engagement of 342 people. Since the last meeting there were 16 posts to the page and the top post was on December 18 of a photograph of the GF lit up on the side of Hill 57. There were 838 post impressions and reached 759 people and had an engagement of 155. He said the second most popular post was a photograph of a recent sunrise in Great Falls.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Little Shell annexation:** City of Great Falls Planning and Zoning Office Planner Lonnie Hill discussed the proposal from the Little Shell Tribe to annex a property located at 1301 Stuckey Road, south of the Montana Egg Plant. He said they would like to annex the property and have it zoned M-2. Land Surveyor Justin Stefanik is working with the tribe to annex the property and tie into the city water and sewer systems. He said the current plan for the building on the property is to have a cold storage building to store grocery items that can be distributed to the tribal members. He said the food would be stored there and deliver it by truck to another location that would be easier for people to get to. Stuckey Road has recently been paved up to where the tribe's event center is located. He said the utilities are located alongside Stuckey Road near the building, so brand new asphalt will not need to be cut into. Eric Peterson said the written proposal included the possibility of building tiny homes at the location. Justin Stefanik said there are funding issues that need to be addressed on an environmental standpoint as there would be federal money used to build behind the cold storage building. He said at this time they are looking at annexing the property, connecting the cold storage building to city water and sewer, and at a later date may look at tiny homes. He said there may be 10 tiny homes with the intent to house elderly folks or disabled veterans. Eric Peterson asked if there has been discussion with surrounding property owners. Justin Stefanik said he had not heard any public comments, but it was placed in the Great Falls Tribune as a public notice. Lonnie Hill said he had received one phone call from a neighbor looking for information and he explained the project. Kathleen Gessaman asked for someone to make a motion regarding the approval of the proposal. Eric Peterson asked if in addition to the cold storage building we would be approving the tiny homes. Lonnie Hill said the M-2 district might not work for what the tribe is trying to do and if there was a rezone to part or all of the property with the P.U.D. (Planned Urban Development), then this issue would come before us again. Sue Steichen made a motion to approve the proposal for water and sewer service to be supplied to the cold storage building lot. Eric Peterson

seconded the motion. The motion to provide water and sewer and annexation of this property to the city passed unanimously.

**Skyline and Valley View Park pavilions:** Eric Peterson said there was research done on building new pavilions for Skyline and Valley View Parks. He said it cost the city \$22,105 for the Jaycee Park pavilion. He said his friend has visited with the City of Great Falls Park and Recreation staff members. He said we may want to look at seeking donations from residents and businesses to help with the cost of the materials. City of Great Falls Communications Specialist Lanni Klasner suggested the council work with the Park and Recreation Foundation to hold any funds generated for the project. We would need to contact the foundation and submit an application. Sue Steichen said during a previous fundraising campaign there would be several hundred dollars remaining in a fund at the foundation. Eric Peterson asked if the council would be interested in pursuing the idea to raise funds for pavilions at the park. Eric Peterson made a motion that Neighborhood Council 3 pursue a fundraiser to purchase materials for two pavilions to be placed in Skyline and Valley View Parks. Garri Mauch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Garri Mauch suggested inviting residents to our February meeting to develop subcommittees and also hold special meetings for the fundraiser.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Election of officers:** All members agreed to remain in their positions for the following year. Garri Mauch made a motion that all members retain their position for the next year. Sue Steichen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Report to the City Commission:** Kathleen Gessaman said neighborhood councils are invited to speak during the City Commission meeting. Garri Mauch and Eric Peterson will work on creating the NC3 presentation. Eric Peterson said the presentation could include the addition of live broadcasts to our meetings, the Good Neighbor Award presentation, the Summer Celebration event, the new Little Free Library in Skyline Park, NC3 traffic concerns. Lanni Klasner said she would check to see if we could include slides in the presentation. Eric Peterson said he would have the presentation available to view during the February meeting.

#### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- Neighborhood Concerns - Garri Mauch said Joe Dauner from Calumet will not be able to attend future meetings but she will continue to communicate with him through emails. She said she would check with Joe on information regarding the flames from the twin towers and when the construction is planned to end.

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

- Garri Mauch asked where we would refer residents to if there were questions for us we couldn't answer. Eric Peterson said he had a good list of city resources he could email to her. Lanni Klasner said the city is currently updating the directory of city services.

#### **ADJOURN**

Sue Steichen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Garri Mauch seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by Kathleen Gessaman at 7:45 p.m.

The next regular NC3 meeting will be held Thursday, February 3, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Peterson, secretary.