

Minutes Neighborhood Council 3 (NC3)

May 17, 2023, 4 p.m.

Corpus Christi Church

CALL TO ORDER: at 4:15 p.m. by Kathleen Gessaman, Chair.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- **Fundraising for Skyline-Optimist Park and Valley View Park:** Eric Peterson read an email from Great Falls Park and Recreation Director Steve Herrig. He said he did not know the status of our request for assistance from the Peoples Park and Recreation Foundation, but would see if he could find out information on the submitted application. He also read an email from Chad Simonson, the Treasurer of the PPRF, who said he wasn't able to pick up the application at the Great Falls Park and Recreation office. Eric Peterson forwarded the email he sent to Steve Herrig in February that contained the application and is waiting for a response from the PPRF. Eric Peterson said he thought our council should meet with both the Park and Recreation board and the PPRF board to see what our boundaries would be with fundraising for pavilions. Garri Mauch said the Park and Recreation board meets on the 2nd Monday of the month and will be meeting next on June 12. Garri Mauch said our council will be raising money for pavilions, but will not have the opportunity to chose where they will be placed or how they will be built. Kathleen Gessaman said we will need to attend the June 12 meeting of the Park and Recreation board. Carol Bronson suggested seeking donations from some of the larger companies in the district, such as Calumet, ADF, and Montana Milling. Garri Mauch wanted to know if the PPRF was a 501c3 organization. Carol Bronson thought it would be a good idea to talk to the members of the Optimist organization. Kathleen Gessaman thought the pavilion could be located between the basketball court and the playground equipment in Skyline-Optimist Park. Sue Steichen said she had originally met with Marty Basta about placing the basketball court in the park. Garri Mauch asked that we ask the Park and Recreation board members about improving the parking situation at Skyline-Optimist Park, and how pest control (flying red ants) is completed in the parks. Carol Bronson said that Lanni Klasner may have information on how insects are controlled in city parks. Sue Steichen said she had worked with Leadership Great Falls and they had improved both Jaycee and Skyline-Optimist Parks. Carol Bronson also suggested talking to the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce.
- **Summer Celebration:** Garri Mauch said we need to determine the type of donations for the event. Sue Steichen suggested Meadow Gold for ice cream donations. Garri Mauch recommended using Frosty's for the ice cream, as they would ensure the product remains frozen. Kathleen Gessaman said that Albertsons may be a source of donations if we visit them early enough. Garri Mauch said she would visit with the Albertsons assistant manager named Julie. Kathleen Gessaman said she may be able to receive donated water from Sams Club. Garri Mauch said we should be planning for a bouncy house, popcorn, and Frosty's for ice cream. She thought it cost \$250 for a generator and the bouncy house rental from Strobel's. Carol Bronson said Neighborhood Council 2 had \$300 available for 99 servings of ice cream. Garri Mauch said Joe Ryan would need to use a generator. Carol Bronson asked Eric Peterson to send an email as she may be able to secure \$250 for the event. Garri Mauch said that checks needed to be written directly to vendors. Council members decided on holding the 2nd annual Summer Celebration at Jaycee Park on August 19, 2023, as it would not interfere with the college football season. We need to ask the Park and Recreation board if our council can raise funds for the pavilion during the Summer Celebration. Carol Bronson suggested having flyers made with QR codes. We could

make the celebration an educational event and promote the fundraiser. Garri Mauch suggested having a bean bag toss game at the celebration. Eric Peterson said he would again invite the Jaycee Park pickleball players to our celebration. Garri Mauch said she would begin working on a flyer. Eric Peterson will write a donation request email and send it to Carol Bronson. Receipts submitted for the celebration will be paid directly from donations. Carol Bronson suggested inviting Great Falls first responders to our event. Garri Mauch said we may be able to invite Northwestern Energy to show one of their service trucks. Eric Peterson said he thought it would be a good idea to invite our Great Falls city commissioners. Carol Bronson suggested inviting members of the Great Falls Public School Board. She asked how we would go about reaching out to our neighbors. Eric Peterson said we could use Facebook and email addresses provided from residents. Carol Bronson thought it would be a good idea to invite members of the Little Shell Tribe. She said she had an email of a tribal board member she would be able to share with us. Garri Mauch said she would bring prices to the next council meeting in June.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS

- Eric Peterson was presented with the name and phone number of a resident interested in forming a Neighborhood Watch program for her neighborhood. He will contact her with information on the program.
- Carol Bronson said she had Neighborhood Watch signs and window decals available for residents. Eric Peterson will contact her for replacement signs and window decals.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

- Garri Mauch said she had contacted the Cascade County Sheriff's Office and a representative will be attending our meeting in September.
- The next Council of Councils meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

ADJOURN

Sue Steichen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Garri Mauch seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by Kathleen Gessaman at 5:29 p.m.

The next regular NC3 meeting will be held Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Peterson, secretary.