

**Minutes Neighborhood Council 3 (NC3)**  
**December 7, 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: Sue Dickenson, Kathleen Gessaman, Garri Mauch, Eric Peterson, Sue Steichen.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Minutes from the November meeting:** Garri Mauch made the motion to accept the November 2, 2023 meeting minutes as written. Sue Steichen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Calumet Updates** - There were no Calumet updates provided, but Sue Dickenson reminded residents that they can ask questions during the January meeting to a Calumet representative.
- **Vision and Goal Setting** - Vision and goal setting will be held for a future meeting.
- **NC3 Facebook Page Update** - Eric Peterson provided the NC3 Facebook page update for the month of November. He said for the last 28 days our page reached 1,105 people. There was a post engagement of 377. There were four new post likes for a total of 583 and 12 new post followers for a total of 707 total followers. There were 15 posts to the page since the last council meeting. There were 115 reactions to the posts, 15 comments, and four page shares. He said the most active post was the post thanking district residents for supporting our projects. The Facebook Live broadcast for November reached 195 people.
- **NC3 Crimemapping Report** - Eric Peterson said for the last 28 days there were 74 reports of crime in our area. Of those reports 53 were generated near the retail areas of the Northwest Bypass and Smelter Avenue. He said there were 43 theft/larceny reports, no motor vehicle thefts, no drug/alcohol violations, seven burglaries, two vandalisms, seven disturbing the peace reports, one fraud report, two DUIs, and five assaults.
- **Fundraising for Skyline Park and Valley View Park** - Garri Mauch said she had met with members of the Park and Recreation Department. She said they provided her cost estimates of new pavilions for Skyline-Optimist Park and Valley View Park. She also provided Calumet with estimates to see if they would provide a donation for a pavilion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **TDS Telecom Presentation** - Raymond Porter with TDS Telecom provided a presentation on their new service to the area. He said ours is the first neighborhood his company is installing fiber in. He said all of their door-to-door employees will wear high visibility vests and identification badges.
- **New Park Pavilions** - Park Supervisor Kevin Vining from Great Falls Park and Recreation said his department has put together two estimates for park pavilions. He said there are different sizes and colors available to choose from. Garri Mauch said she had been contacted by pickleball players asking if a restroom could be placed in Jaycee Park. Kevin Vining said it was possible as there are utilities in the park, but it would be dependent on funds. Sue Dickenson asked if we were to the point to begin our fundraising for the pavilions. She asked to have this issue added to the January agenda and begin our fundraising.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- Ernie Harris, a resident of the district, brought up his concerns on speeding on 2nd Street N.E. and Skyline Drive. He suggested installing stop signs on 2nd Street N.E. to stop traffic. He said traffic exceeds 45 miles per hour on 2nd Street N.E. He said there have been numerous accidents

at this location. He also brought up the issue of low water pressure in this area. City personnel have tested the water pressure in his area during the middle of the day and found 60 psi at his house. When he has tested the water pressure it has dropped to 58 psi in the morning. During the summer when sprinkler systems are in use he said there is no pressure at all. He said the city should check the pressure during the high use periods of the day. He also said trucks driving up Skyline Drive are dropping gravel on the road. He suggested that someone from the city should contact the companies dropping the gravel. Kathleen Gessamen said we could work with Great Falls Communications Specialist Lanni Klasner to bring in a representative of the water department and the street department. Ernie Harris said he was going to meet with the Street and Traffic Manager Eric Boyd on the following Monday. Sue Steichen said she thought Eric Boyd's office would be a good place for him to start. She said in her experience she believes the city listens and tries to take action when they can. Sue Dickenson asked that Ernie Harris communicate to the council what was learned from his meeting with Eric Boyd. She said we can then ask city representatives to come to the council to further discuss options available to help fix the problem.

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- Eric Peterson said he has heard from a resident who has noticed people driving over the top of the roundabout on Smelter Avenue. The resident suggested painting fluorescent paint at the inside base of the circle.
- Lanni Klasner said the swearing-in ceremony for new elected officials will take place at 5 p.m. on December 19, 2023.

### **ADJOURN**

Sue Dickenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Garri Mauch seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by Kathleen Gessaman at 7:40 p.m.

The next regular NC3 meeting will be held Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Peterson, secretary.