

**Minutes Neighborhood Council 3 (NC3)**  
**February 1, 2024, 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, Eric Peterson

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Minutes from the January meeting:** Sue Dickenson made the motion to accept the January 4, 2024 meeting minutes as written. Eric Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Minutes from the January special meeting:** Kathleen Gessaman made the motion to accept the January 25, 2024 meeting minutes as written. Eric Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Calumet Updates** -There were no Calumet updates provided this meeting.
- **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 January. He said for the last 28 days our page reached 767 people and there was a post engagement of 235. He said there was only one new Facebook like, but three new followers for a total of 710 followers to the page. The most active post during the month was a photograph of the council swearing in ceremony held at the Civic Center. That post reached 354 people and had an engagement of 96. He said the Facebook live broadcast in January reached 212 people.
- **NC3 Crimemapping Report** - Eric Peterson said during the last 28 days there were 35 reports of crime in the council district. 27 of those reports were generated near the retail areas of the Northwest Bypass and Smelter Avenue. He said there were 23 theft/larceny reports, no motor vehicle thefts, no drug/alcohol violations, five burglaries, one vandalism, four disturbing the peace reports, two fraud reports, two assaults, and no DUIs.
- **Fundraising for Skyline Park and Valley View Park** - Eric Peterson made edits to a sample fundraising letter intended for prospective donors. Garri Mauch suggested changing out Sue Dickenson's home phone number with her cell phone number. Eric Peterson said he had an issue with the QR code for the People's Park and Recreation Foundation. He said when a person uses the code they are directed to a page that contains information on how to donate to the fireworks fund. Garri Mauch said she will be contacting the PPRF treasurer to have our project funds go to a separate pavilion account. She also said she will be contacting Calumet to have a meeting on a possible donation to the project. Kathleen Gessaman said we should have an additional special meeting to discuss who will be receiving our letters. Sue Dickenson suggested contacting a member of a neighborhood council involved in a previous fundraising effort to see if they have any insight on fundraising. The council chose to have a special meeting to be held at Corpus Christi Church at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2024.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Bylaws review:** The bylaws have been reviewed and will be signed once all members are in attendance.
- **NC3 Council Vacancy:** Sue Dickenson made a motion to appoint Garri Mauch to serve the remainder of Sharon Thompson's term on Neighborhood Council 3. Eric Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- **Neighborhood Concerns:** NC3 resident Lela Graham said she is concerned about traffic on 5th Street and 14th Avenue N.W., located near Charles M. Russell High School. She said people are driving through stop signs and speeding in the area. She said there is no control of the parking lot when school is in session. She suggested allowing only one side of the street to park at that location or placing speed bumps on the street. City of Great Falls Communications Specialist Lanni Klasner said we could consider inviting Superintendent of Schools Tom Moore or the principal of CMR to attend a meeting to discuss this issue. This traffic issue will be placed on the agenda for the April meeting.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

- **Council of Councils:** Kathleen Gessaman discussed the Great Falls Citizens Council Council of Councils meeting. She said during the police department presentation it was mentioned that their staffing is down and there may be additional retirements in the future. She said City of Great Falls Planning and Community Development Director Brock Cherry was excited about his new position and would gladly attend a future council meeting. Kathy Gessaman said traffic safety issues occurring on the northern portion of the Northwest Bypass and 6th Street N.W. would be good issues to discuss with him.

## **ADJOURN**

Eric Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sue Dickenson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by Kathleen Gessaman at 7:32 p.m.

A special meeting will be held at the Corpus Christi Church on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

The next regular NC3 meeting will be held Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Peterson, secretary.