

Minutes Neighborhood Council 3 (NC3)
June 6, 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, Aron Krischel, Garri Mauch, Eric Peterson

OLD BUSINESS

- **Minutes from the May 2, 2024 meeting:** Aron Krischel made a motion to accept the May 2, 2024 meeting minutes as written. Garri Mauch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Committee Reports** – Kathleen Gessaman attended the Council of Councils meeting. She said the Great Falls Police Department update stated that much of their staff is young and quite a few of their personnel are at retirement age. She said Andrew Finch presented a long-range transportation plan during the meeting. She said Eric Ray was elected as the new vice chair of the Council of Councils. The water service line inventory was discussed. She said they are looking for leaded or galvanized lines serving homes that will need to be replaced. She said 5,486 lines are currently listed as unknown. The city will be sending teams out to visit homes that have not responded to their line testing request. Sue Dickenson attended the Great Falls Area Long Range Transportation Plan Open House on May 30, 2024. She said 6th Street N.W. is one of their committed projects and funds will be allocated to fix the road. She said it will be a coordinated project between the city and county. She said there is an intentional look at improving non-motorized transportation in the plan. She prepared a letter to be sent to Robert Peccia & Associates stating our concern for 6th Street N.W. improvements to be included in the plan. Garri Mauch made a motion to accept the letter and send it to Scott Randall of RPA. Sue Dickenson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Sue Dickenson discussed Cascade County dropping their contract with the Great Falls Animal Shelter and contracting with the MacClean-Cameron Animal Adoption Center to accept animals that are picked up in the county.
- **Calumet Updates** -There were no Calumet updates provided during 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 May. He said for the past 28 days the Facebook page has reached 996 people. It had one new post like for a total of 586 likes and two new post followers for a total of 712 followers. He said there were 17 posts made to the page since the last meeting with an engagement of 132. He said the most active post during the past month was the photograph during our May meeting thanking Great Falls Public Schools Superintendent Tom Moore for answering our traffic safety questions. That post reached 639 people. He said the May Facebook Live meeting reached 169 people.
- **NC3 Crimemapping Report** - Eric Peterson said during the last 28 days there have been 21 theft/larceny reports; no motor vehicle thefts; one drug/alcohol violation; one burglary report; two vandalism reports; one disturbing the peace report; three fraud reports; four assaults; one DUI and two vehicle break-in reports.
- **NC3 Summer Celebration** - Garri Mauch said Strobel's rental bouncy house, the face painter, and Frosty's had been reserved. She said Ace Hardware will provide popcorn for the event, Tire Rama will provide a donation, and NeighborWorks Great Falls may be providing a donation. She said Joe Ryan has not provided an invoice for the amount he will be charging for providing live music. Representatives from the Great Falls Fire Rescue and EMS services will attend, the Great Falls Public Library Bookmobile will be there, and she is working to have a helicopter fly to the park. She thought it would be good to invite Great Falls Planning and Community Development Director Brock Cherry to attend to provide information to the residents. She said she will need Eric Peterson to pick up the bouncy house from Strobel's Rentals at 11 a.m. Sue Dickenson suggested having a special meeting to discuss the park pavilion fundraiser and the Summer Celebration event. The council selected July 18, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. to have a special meeting at Corpus Christy Catholic Church. Garri Mauch asked Eric Peterson to verify that Jaycee Park was reserved for NC3 Summer Celebration use.

- **Fundraising for Skyline Park and Valley View Park** - Garri Mauch said the QR code is up and running on the People's Park and Recreation Foundation website. She said there will be a final review of the website completed soon. Eric Peterson said there was a suggestion to have recognition tiers to thank large donations. There could be bronze, silver, gold, and platinum level of recognition.

NEW BUSINESS

- City of Great Falls Planning and Community Development Director Brock Cherry provided a growth policy update.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- **Neighborhood Concerns:** Ben Forsyth presented information on the marijuana distributors in Great Falls. He said two of them were illegal according to the city code and four of them were illegal according to state law. He said he was concerned about the city government protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the residents.

ADJOURN

Sue Dickenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Aron Krischel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by Kathleen Gessaman at 8:20 p.m.

The next regular NC3 meeting will be held Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Peterson, secretary.