Minutes Neighborhood Council 3 (NC3) September 5, 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: Kathleen Gessaman, Aron Krischel, Garri Mauch, Eric Peterson

OLD BUSINESS

- **Minutes from the June 6, 2024 meeting:** Aron Krischel made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Garri Mauch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Minutes from the July 25, 2024 meeting:** Aron Krischel made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Garri Mauch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 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 August. For the past 28 days the Facebook page reached 5,659 people. It had 13 new post likes for a total of 602 likes and 18 new post followers for a total of 734 followers. He said there were 22 posts made to the page with an engagement of 1,117. He said the most active post during the past month was the post made on the scheduled Calumet outage posted on August 19. That post had 2,511 impressions, reached 2,366 people, and had an engagement of 396.
- **NC3 Crimemapping Report** Eric Peterson said during the last 28 days in the NC3 area there have been 14 theft/larceny reports; no motor vehicle thefts; no drug/alcohol violations; three burglaries; two vandalisms; three disturbing the peace reports; no fraud reports; four assaults; no DUI reports; two vehicle break-ins; and one arson report.
- NC3 Summer Celebration Review Kathleen Gessaman said Sue Dickenson wanted to thank all who helped make the 3rd annual Summer Celebration a great success, particularly Council Member Garri Mauch. She asked council members if they knew of anything that could improve the event. Eric Peterson said a resident suggested having a classic car show at the south end of Jaycee Park using the diagonal parking spaces. Garri Mauch said she appreciated the city setting up a table with information on the growth plan. Nearly \$500 worth of ice cream was provided to those attending the event, and Garri Mauch estimated there were at least 225 people in attendance. The council members set 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, August 16, 2025 as the tentative time and date for the 4th annual Great Falls Neighborhood Council 3 Summer Celebration.
- Fundraising for Skyline Park and Valley View Park Kathleen Gessaman reported that Sue Dickenson did not have any additional news on the fundraising effort, but had some leads to apply for grants. Sue hasn't been able to get in touch with the Little Shell Tribal Chairman Gray yet. Council members developed contribution levels to honor those businesses and individuals providing funds to purchase pavilions. Platinum recognition would honor those providing \$10,000 or more, gold recognition for \$7,500 to \$10,000, silver recognition for \$5,000 to \$7,500, bronze recognition for \$1,000 to \$5,000, and good neighbor recognition for contributing \$1 to \$1,000.

NEW BUSINESS

• Introduction of new Neighborhood Council Coordinator: The new City of Great Falls Neighborhood Council Coordinator Rob Moccasin was introduced to the council. He recently retired from the Great Falls Police Department as a captain after serving 30 years in the force. His goals include establishing a working relationship with the councils, meeting with the city department heads and working with the new communications specialist, and provide assistance to the nine neighborhood councils.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Neighborhood Concerns: Eric Peterson said he received a message on the council Facebook page from a resident wanting to know if they could wash a vehicle on their driveway. He was concerned about washing soap into the storm drain. He had recently moved from on-base housing at Malmstrom Air Force Base and they were not allowed to wash vehicles in driveways. Eric Peterson requested information from contacted the Public Works Department and received an answer that residents are allowed to wash cars in their driveways, but are encouraged to wash their vehicles on their lawns to keep the water in the grass. Eric Peterson also received a complaint about two recreational vehicles with individuals camping in the Jaycee Park area. He drove to the location and determined that the vehicles were being worked by the Great Falls Police Department. Garri Mauch said she received a complaint from a resident concerning a loose dog. She said she would visit the owners of the dog to find a solution to the problem. She also wanted to know if a flashing sign could be located near North Middle School to warn drivers to slow down in the school zone. Eric Peterson said that these signs may have to be purchased by the school's PTA.
- **Agenda suggestions:** Eric Peterson suggested having Alliance for Youth's Beth Price Morrison attend to discuss adding vaping to the city Clean Air Act.

ADJOURN

Garri Mauch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Aron Krischel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by Kathleen Gessaman at 7:19 p.m.

The next regular NC3 meeting will be held Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Peterson, secretary.