

Minutes Neighborhood Council 3 (NC3)
October 3, 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, Garri Mauch, Eric Peterson

OLD BUSINESS

- **Minutes from the September 5, 2024 meeting:** Garri Mauch made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Sue Dickenson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Calumet Updates** - Garri Mauch said she had left a message with Calumet Communications Manager Lanni Klasner and will report back what she hears to the council.
- **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 September. For the past 28 days the Facebook page reached 1,214 people. It had 2 new post likes for a total of 603 likes and 2 new post followers for a total of 734 followers. He said there were 12 posts made to the page with an engagement of 271. He said the most active post during the past month was the post made on Sunday, September 29, 2024 announcing our October meeting agenda. He said the September Facebook Live broadcast reached 125 people.
- **NC3 Crimemapping Report** - Eric Peterson said during the last 28 days in the NC3 area there have been 6 theft/larceny reports; no motor vehicle thefts; five drug/alcohol violations; three burglaries; one vandalism; six disturbing the peace reports; no fraud reports; six assaults; four DUI reports; two vehicle break-ins; and no arson reports.
- **Fundraising for Skyline Park and Valley View Park** – Sue Dickenson said Great Falls City Commissioner Shannon Wilson suggested that she speak with Tom Hazon regarding community block grants to assist with funding a pavilion for Valley View Park. He told her that the Valley View area is not a low enough income area to qualify. She also heard from a Town Pump representative and they have us in the queue for being considered for a grant to fund our pavilions. She said it might be next year when we are considered for a grant from this business.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Great Falls Public Schools School Resource Officer program overview:** Great Falls Police Department Sgt. Katie Cunningham provided the program overview. She said she supervises four SROs assigned to the Great Falls Public Schools, and with her included there are five total officers in the program. She said one officer works at North Middle School, one at East Middle School, one at CMR High School, and she and another officer works at Great Falls High School. She said the initiatives taken by the Cascade County Sheriff's Office does not affect them in Great Falls. The Sheriff's Office has paid for an application called Emergent 3 that first responders will utilize with the teachers to communicate during an incident. The application allows law enforcement to pull up a heat map that allows officers to get to the problem quickly. She said this year they are using the application only for drills. The two middle school SROs are responsible for seven or eight elementary schools as well. She said the SROs serve as positive role models for the students. She explained their duties working with middle school students are a triad of informal counseling; education; and law enforcement. She said of those SROs spend the majority of their time doing informal counseling.
- **New Little Free Library proposed for Noah's Ark Park:** Great Falls Public Library Director Susie McIntyre said City of Great Falls Park Supervisor Kevin Vining contacted her to say there were individuals interested in placing a Little Free Library in a park. She said many years ago the library established a relationship with the Great Falls Neighborhood Councils to work together

on placing Little Free Libraries in parks. She said the current cost of installing a Little Free Library is between \$525 and \$550. Neighborhood resident Tanya Malley said she would like to have a library installed in Noah's Ark Park using a large mailbox she had found. She also said she would like to utilize the Free Little Library app that allows people to see where libraries are located. She said she would like to see adult fiction and children's books placed into the library. Susie McIntyre said it would be very important to work with Kevin Vining with placing anything into the park. Tanya Malley said she had three other counterparts willing to help with the library. Garri Mauch said she would volunteer to work with local businesses in the area to help raise needed funds to purchase the Little Free Library from the Great Falls Public Library. Eric Peterson said he hoped any new Little Free Library could be placed in concrete, as other libraries in the city have been pulled out of the ground. Sue Dickenson made a motion to support the request to place a Little Free Library in Noah's Ark Park and that Great Falls Neighborhood Council 3 help in any way they can. Garri Mauch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- **Neighborhood Concerns:** Sue Dickenson said she received an email from a resident concerned about people moving trash on their property when cleaning up their yards. She said people can contact the city at 406-455-8574 for the Code Enforcement Office. She said the city has published a booklet with office information that might be helpful to city residents.

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- **Agenda suggestions:** Eric Peterson asked if Cascade County Sheriff Jesse Slaughter had contacted anyone on the council concerning visiting the neighborhood councils to discuss jail issues. Garri Mauch asked if she should contact his office to initiate it for next meeting. Sue Dickenson said she didn't think this would be an area of concern for the neighborhood.

ADJOURN

Eric Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Garri Mauch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by Kathleen Gessaman at 7:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted, Eric Peterson, secretary.