

**Minutes Neighborhood Council 3 (NC3)**  
**November 7, 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 October 3, 2024 meeting:** Aron Krischel made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Garri Mauch seconded the motion. The motion to accept the minutes as written passed unanimously.
- **Calumet Updates** – The Calumet plant manager is scheduled to attend the December 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 October. For the past 28 days the Facebook page added two new post likes for a total of 603 likes and four new post followers for a total of 735 followers. He said there were 17 posts made to the page with an engagement of 158. He said the most active post during the past month was the post sharing the November meeting agenda information that reached 180 people. He said the September Facebook Live broadcast reached 66 people.
- **NC3 Crimemapping Report** - Eric Peterson said during the last 28 days in the NC3 area there have been 13 theft/larceny reports; no motor vehicle thefts; no drug/alcohol violations; no burglaries; three vandalisms; one disturbing the peace report; no fraud reports; seven assaults; two DUI reports; one vehicle break-in; and no arson reports. Sue Dickenson mentioned that there were trailers being parked on the street near North Middle School causing a dangerous situation for children walking in the neighborhood. Eric Peterson said he would post information describing the process for an individual to report large vehicle ordinance violations on the council Facebook page.
- **Fundraising for Skyline Park and Valley View Park** – Sue Dickenson said she spoke with a representative of a credit union that distributes funds for charitable causes. She has an appointment to speak to the director of the organization and feels positive about the outcome of receiving a donation for our pavilion project.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Cascade County Adult Detention Center Update** - Cascade County Sheriff Jesse Slaughter provided an update on the Cascade County Adult Detention Center. He said he was speaking with neighborhood councils as he wanted to make members aware of the major issues the jail is facing.
- **Councils of Councils Meeting Update** - Kathleen Gessaman attended the Council of Councils meeting on October 22. She said Great Falls Neighborhood Council 2 would like to have a quiet zone established during the evening hours when trains will not sound their horns. They have a draft proposal that utilizes supplementary safety measures such as four quadrant gates. Eric Peterson voiced his concern about city liability if a vehicle were to be hit by a train. She also said that updates to the Crimemapping software may cause major changes with the program in the future. In addition, Kathleen Gessaman said the Great Falls Police Department Citizens Academy had provided a presentation to Great Falls Neighborhood Council 5 and with the great interest shown by residents there was standing room only left in the room. She said that might be a good presentation to bring to a future NC3 meeting.

## **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- **Neighborhood Concerns:** Garri Mauch asked if a speed box could be located near North Middle School. City of Great Falls Neighborhood Council Liaison Rob Moccasin said school PTAs fund the equipment that is being used in the city near schools.
- **NC3 Home Decoration Contest** - Garri Mauch would like to run a contest on our NC3 Facebook page where residents can post photographs of their homes that have been decorated for Christmas. Facebook friends can then vote for their favorite decorated homes and winners would be presented with gift baskets.
- **6th Street Improvements:** Garri Mauch voiced her concerns on the safety of 6th Street N.W. north of Smelter Avenue. Eric Peterson suggested developing a presentation on the street safety issues to be given to members of the Great Falls City Council.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

- **Agenda suggestions:** Great Falls Municipal Court Judge Mark Dunn is scheduled to speak to the council in December. In addition, Great Falls Public Works Street and Traffic Manager Eric Boyd is scheduled to speak on the work occurring on North River Road between the two bridges. The Calumet plant manager is also scheduled to present information to the council in December.

## **ADJOURN**

Garri Mauch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eric Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by Kathleen Gessaman at 7:35 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted, Eric Peterson, secretary.