

Minutes Neighborhood Council 3 (NC3)
December 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: Sue Dickenson, Kathleen Gessaman, Aron Krischel, Garri Mauch, Eric Peterson

OLD BUSINESS

- **Minutes from the November 7, 2024 meeting:** Garri Mauch made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Aron Krischel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Calumet Updates** – Calumet Plant General Manager Kollin Schade provided an update on the refinery company activity.
- **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 November. For the past 28 days the Facebook page had 13 new post likes for a total of 616 likes and 19 new post followers for a total of 753 followers. He said there were 15 posts made to the page generating more than 24,000 post views, a post reach of more than 8,000, and 355 content interactions. He said the most active post during the past month was the Calumet media release on their planned maintenance activity made on Monday, November 8. He said the September Facebook Live broadcast had 315 views, reached 212 people and had 13 interactions. He said there were two photograph submissions from residents displaying yard decorations. He said he will be posting regular contest reminders each Sunday.
- **NC3 Crimemapping Report** - Eric Peterson said during the last 28 days in the NC3 area there have been 40 reports of crime in our area. He said of those, 27 of those reports were generated near the retail and commercial areas of the Northwest Bypass or Smelter Avenue. He said there were 23 theft/larceny reports; no motor vehicle theft reports; three drug/alcohol violation reports; two burglary reports; one vandalism report; five disturbing the peace reports; one fraud report; three assault reports; one DUI report; one vehicle break-in report; and no arson reports.
- **Fundraising for Skyline Park and Valley View Park** – Garri Mauch said she will have some information to share during the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Great Falls Municipal Judge Mark Dunn:** Judge Dunn provided an overview of the Great Falls Municipal Court.
- **River Road Construction Update:** City of Great Falls Street and Traffic Manager Eric Boyd said the Great Falls Park and Recreation Department noticed a washout located near the River's Edge Trail on the east side of the 9th Street Bridge. Public Works employees discovered a washed-out culvert. He said Public Works is working with the Montana Department of Transportation and Cascade County to find a solution, as it is in an intersection of a state and county road. He said they are still in the information gathering mode, and people should not be overly concerned as it is not a dangerous area. To err on the side of caution, he said the road will remain closed until they get a better understanding of the problem and come up with a solution. He said just before Halloween some flo-fill was injected into the void, and that has solved the problem on the trail, but the road remains closed. Eric Boyd also discussed challenges to improve 6th Street N.W. He also said the city is using a condition index rating to determine the health of streets on a scale of one to 100. This will allow them to be strategic with the funding they have and prioritize repairs of the streets in the city. He said the results of the study should be available sometime early next year. He said this will also help them with improving ADA issues on the streets.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- **Neighborhood Concerns:** No neighborhood concerns were brought to the attention of the council.
- **Home Decorating Contest:** Garri Mauch reminded everyone that voting for the home decorating contest will end on December 22. The gift basket is scheduled to be delivered to the winner on December 23.

ADJOURN

Garri Mauch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sue Dickenson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by Kathleen Gessaman at 7:46 p.m.

Please note: The regularly scheduled NC3 January 2025 meeting will be cancelled, as Riverview Elementary School will be closed for winter break. The next regular NC3 meeting will be held Thursday, February 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Peterson, secretary.