

Minutes Neighborhood Council 3 (NC3)
Special Meeting - March 21, 2024, 4:30 p.m.
Corpus Christi Church

CALL TO ORDER: at 4:35 p.m. by Kathleen Gessaman, Chair.

Council members present: Kathleen Gessaman, Aron Krischel, Garri Mauch, Eric Peterson.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Fundraising for Skyline Park and Valley View Park** - Council members discussed the costs of the Great Falls Park and Recreation Department approved pavilions intended to be placed in Skyline-Optimist Park and Valley View. Kathleen Gessaman suggested that the council fundraise for the pavilion kits only. Eric Peterson said he thought the entire quote consisting of concrete, labor, and pavilion kits for \$250,000 was too big of an amount to ask the public to purchase two pavilions for the parks. Garri Mauch said we should include the cost of labor and concrete in our correspondence with potential donors. Eric Peterson said he would rework our letter to state our fundraising is for the purchase of pavilion kits to be stored by the GFPR, and that additional funds would be raised to install them in the future. Aron Krischel made a motion to approve the city-supplied pavilion quotes in the amount of \$48,586.76 for Skyline-Optimist Park and \$37,489.26 for Valley View Park, for a total fundraising amount of \$86,076.02. Garri Mauch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Garri Mauch said she would visit with a representative of the People's Park and Recreation Foundation to update their webpage to reflect the new fundraising goal. She said she would request that they fence the money in two accounts for each park, as residents may want to only donate funds to their neighborhood park. She also said we should continue to work with the city on developing sidewalks and parking areas for Skyline-Optimist Park. Eric Peterson said he would add the new fundraising amount to the fundraising letter. He said he would also include a spreadsheet breaking down the current cost of concrete, labor, and pavilion kits that could be used for fundraising. Eric Peterson said he thought we should get a letter from the PPRF and GFPR stating that the funds raised during our fundraiser will only go for the purchase and installation of pavilions destined for Skyline-Optimist Park and Valley View Park.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Eric Peterson shared information he received on the ribbon cutting event to be held at the Great Falls Civic Center on April 19, 2024. Neighborhood council representatives were invited to celebrate the 84th anniversary of the original dedication of the building and the completion of the façade renovation project.

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 5:21 p.m.

The next regular NC3 meeting will be held Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Peterson, secretary.