

Minutes of meeting - Thursday 03/06/2014 Neighborhood Council #3 Riverview Elementary School – 7 p.m.

Call to Order: Kathleen Gessaman, President called meeting to order. Attendees: Terry Thompson, Steve Malicott, Cyndi Baker and Richard Calsetta. Patty Cadwell also in attendance.

Sign in Sheet was passed around.

Welcomed all to meeting. Quorum present. All members of council were present and accounted for. Minutes of last meeting were reviewed and were extremely well done and detailed. Steve motioned to accept minutes and Cyndi seconded. Minutes were passed unanimously.

Reports:

Richard: Gave a report on upcoming Public Hearing April 1, 2014 for Stone Meadows Development rezoning and plat approval. Current zoning is R-3 which allows townhomes in 3 to 8 stringed units. At the Feb 11, 2014 Planning and Advisory Board recommended to pass these changes and set the public hearing. City Commission heard comments at last City Commission Meeting. Zoning changes requested to have more townhomes in the site as making 8 lots from 6 lots.

Terry: Gave report on Council of Councils. All councils were present except Neighborhood Council #7. City/County Health gave presentation and Jane Weber spoke regarding the upcoming survey community enhancement grant and possible Healthy Community Grant. Ida and Alysha helped obtain the grant. City of GF – create a neighborhood plan and parks. Talked about increasing knowledge in citizens and community understanding. Examples were given of photos of other communities which showed lighting, buffer zones, sidewalks, bike lanes, etc. In June at election time, citizens will vote about a local county/city survey which will show if citizens like present government in city and county. Last survey was in 1996, at which time the concept of neighborhood councils was implemented.

Unfinished Business:

Topic of increasing communication with neighborhood council residents was discussed at length. Terry Thompson will investigate Facebook site, posting our council's activities on Facebook, PSA's posters, open house, ice cream social, chili night. Richard will check on public notices, local school reader boards, etc. Talked with Patty Cadwell about N.C. Facebook. Motion from Steve and seconded by Cyndi to officially start a Neighborhood Council #3 Facebook. Passed 5-0.

Steve asked Patty about a letter from council to Planning Board about Stone Meadows and Buffalo Wild Wings in support of those developments. Steve took on the task of drafting a letter.

New Business: Jana Cooper from TD&H Engineering gave an extensive talk about the Voyager Apartments planned for location near the NW Great Falls Clinic site near Albertson's on Division Road. 2.3 acre site with partial R-6 multifamily zoning which will be built by Accessible Space, Inc. They have nine such complexes already in existence across Montana. It will be designed to serve low income, physically frail elderly to age in place. History – this has been in the works for over five years and finally

approved and funded in December 2013. 6Million – 38 units for low income seniors. 24 1 bed, 14 2 bed and 8 units will be fully handicapped accessible. Community kitchen, library, lounge, support offices. Will have extensive landscaping and services. Steve made motion and it was seconded by Richard to support the Voyager Apartment complex and all of Neighborhood Council #3 supports this. There will be a public hearing on March 18th. Passed 5-0 in support of this motion.

Sheila Rice from Neighborworks spoke about their programs and she handed out color brochure about their extensive projects. She spoke about recent development in Black Eagle and they are selling raffle tickets for a shed. She mentioned Mapril Cleanup and some neighborhood residents are in support of increasing community and neighborhood participation with Mapril Cleanup.

Cleve Loney, local GFPD Volunteer gave presentation on the new GFPD Volunteer Force which is huge and has actually saved our city over 15,000 man hours. They have taken 275 junk cars off public streets, found 2 stolen cars, assisted with recent school bus off road on icy condition, etc. Involved with evidence and fingerprinting duties and neighborhood patrols. Trying to develop sexual/violent crime assistance and helping with warrants. Helped write the recent ordinance on pawn shop/recycling centers theft recovery etc.

Free Library: Some discussion of the Little Free Library to be set up at Jaycee Park. Free and rotates books in the little freestanding stand. Kathleen Gessaman will be our Free Library steward. Council verbally in support of the Little Free Library and Richard said that it will likely police itself.

Vonnie Brown spoke to our group. She is running for Senate District #11 and she is a Democrat. She is a clinical social worker with many years of experience in serving the public. She is running because she genuinely cares about people working together. Her district includes Black Eagle, Riverview, Westside, Manchester, Sun Prairie which includes an area of over 10,000 residents.

NEXT MEETING:

Briefly discussed upcoming April Council Meeting Topics/ Information:

1. Letter from City Attorney Sara Sexe concerning our bylaws. Will send to all board members. She will review and sign off on it.
2. Next meeting, Cleve Loney wants to come to our monthly meeting as candidate. Tom Jacobson will also come speak.
3. Development upcoming regarding lots at the location of the old Burger Master off Smelter Avenue, David Carroll development and Developer Greg Smith for possible new bar and casino.
4. Communication findings.

Other Business: Terry Thompson asked about Emergency Preparedness plan, including Calumet. Calumet rep Dexter Busby was present and spoke to group at large. The emergency plans are being developed with the GF and Cas Co Emergency Planning Divisions. They will have two more Community Open House meetings hosted by Calumet. Ron Gessaman (1001 36th Avenue N.E.) asked about

BNRR/Calumet fire hazards and response teams. We were told that Calumet/MANG/City of GF and Malmstrom are mutual aid partners in such a response situation.

President Kathleen Gessaman, asked if there were any other neighborhood concerns and there were none, she called for motion to adjourn. Steve made motion and Cyndi seconded it. Meeting terminated.

Next meeting: Thursday April 3, 2014 at 7 p.m. at Riverview Elementary School.