

Minutes Neighborhood Council District 3 (NC3)
Thursday, September 4, 2014
Music Room at Riverview School
7:00 PM

Call to Order: Kathleen Gessaman, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Terry Thompson, Cyndi Baker (arrived late) for a quorum. Absent: Richard Calsetta and Steve Malicott. Thirty members of the public were also present.

Unfinished Business:

- Minutes: Terry Thompson moved to accept the minutes as amended to fix the one misspelled word. Cyndi Baker seconded. Motion passed.
 - There was a brief discussion as to the resolution presented to the City Commission regarding the Valley View Park. The commissioners were presented the resolution but took no action.
 - Terry Thompson volunteered to create a fund raising committee to develop the park.
- Committee Reports: Rich Calsetta was not present to make reports but Terry Thompson gave a brief report on the City Commission meeting held September 2 regarding the housing projects the commissioners held public comment on.

New Business:

- Annexation and Zoning Request for Northview Addition, Final Phase 9: No one present to report
- Youth Dynamics Group Home: Peter Degel, CEO of Youth Dynamics addressed the neighbor's concerns about the youth home on 29th Avenue NE. Two staff members were present and responded to questions. Mr. Degel provided information regarding the operations of their group homes, number of youth in the home, types of conditions the youth may be diagnosed with, admission requirements, the supervision in place, where the youth go to school, where funding comes from. Various neighbors addressed the issue of not being informed about the home prior to and after the purchase. Two neighbors spoke of not being able to sell their property because of the youth home. One neighbor addressed a parking issue involving the staff, another requested a privacy fence between his home and the group home. There were concerns about safety which Mr. Degel responded that protocols were in place for incidents and stated that staff were awake at night. The Montana Code Annotated was read that defined a single family residence as the neighbors were upset about the covenants of the subdivision not being enforced by the City. Several neighbors had been advised by the City that the only remedy was to file a civil court action. The contact information for Mr. Degel is 406-672-8561 and the Home Manager Richard Hamiton is 406-697-1555 or 406-727-0286

Petitions and Communications:

- Neighborhood Concerns: Bob Melhoff reported that he checked into a Commerce Grant for the Valley View Park. If it can be proven it has an effect on commerce then the park can qualify – 2/3 state funded, 1/3 local hard match in cash. He also spoke to Patty Reardon of the Park and Recreation Department about the cost of a walking trail. A planned out development should be a motivator.

- The Valley View Neighbors thanked the council for all their efforts to assist with the Park
- Calumet did not have a report

Other Business:

- Community Preparedness Forum: Kristal Kuhn invited neighbors to the event on September 18, 6:00 p.m. at North Middle School
- Norm Anderson candidate for County Commissioner gave his background and introduced himself. He answered questions as to what he thought the issues were: 1) changing system at Expo Park 2) Changes take us in a positive direction such as new people at Aging Services, County Health 3) Roads are always an issue. His motto: "Listening to you, working with you."

A motion and second were made to adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Terry Thompson, NC3 Council Member