

Neighborhood Council #3
Thursday November 6, 2014
Riverview School Music Room – 7 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING:

Members Present: Cyndi Baker, Kathy Gessaman, Richard Calsetta and Steve Malicott

Sign in sheet was passed around

Attendance: Neighbors in attendance 17, including Mayor Winters.

Several Great Falls High School students attended (10 students) as a requirement for their U.S. Government History Class. They interacted and were very attentive to our council meeting.

Craig Raymond, City Planner was in attendance, as was Mayor Winters and Patty Cadwell.

Minutes of previous meeting were moved by Kathy and seconded by Cyndi to be accepted as read and approved.

Kathy G. attended last Council of Councils Meeting as Richard Calsetta was ill.

COUNCIL OF COUNCILS: Requested by Neighborhood Council #2 THAT THERE ARE BLIGHTED, RUNDOWN BUILDINGS INCLUDING A Quonset near the new courthouse, etc. The question was asked – “What can we do as a neighborhood council to help the city clean up these sites? Spoke about City Title 8-50-51. The condition of the buildings that comes into play as a PUBLIC NUISANCE/PUBLIC PUBLIC SAFETY. What qualifies as a blight that is offensive to a large group of citizens.

We can write a letter to the City of Great Falls to declare a specific property as a public nuisance. Steve M. asked if there needs to be a number of person’s signatures on letter. This then goes to municipal court – then write a citation.

Mayor Winters asked about Twilight area. We learned that it was a failed partnership and had problems with obtaining a liquor license close to schools and church.

Another topic that was brought up at Council of Councils – Vanessa Beehan Crisis Nursery. This is if Great Falls needs refuge for a crisis nursery for up to 72 hours. They will come present to the individual councils about their project.

Another resource for our councils is Carol Bronson who will come present the idea of Neighborhood Watch.

Mayor Winters presented the problem with his neighborhood. He resides at 2609 6th Street N.W. The speeds of vehicles on that road is increasing.

Very inconsiderate drivers. Road is very narrow. He and other neighbors discussed what could happen if vehicles encounter pedestrians, including children. Large number of traffic violation tickets have been issued. Talked about signage and new signs. One vehicle was clocked at 78 mph. On one day, 34 speeding tickets were given out by one officer doing a special patrol in that area. Talked about the high volume of truck traffic, including semis and heavy loads. We are supposed to have a 10,000 GVW limit in our neighborhoods.

PLAN: We plan to invite Public Works to our next meeting in December for information about traffic.

Resident John S. who lives at 121 2nd Street N.W. regarding storm drains. Called the City Police. Lt. Allen informed him that they do not have enough manpower to respond.

Spoke about our September 4, 2014 discussion about the youth dynamics Group Home. Mr. Dingle did come to our past meetings. We cannot ask group homes to have a conditional use permit nor any sort of discrimination is allowed just because the residents have special needs/group home. Craig Raymond, City Planner said that this sort of issue has been brought up across the country. Fair Housing Act persists with this housing complaint. State Statute agrees that no home can be discriminated against. He has researched this for 14 years.

One high school student had verbal impact – stating that she did not see anything wrong with a group home and its residents. Student “Katie” says that she lives at 3804 4th Avenue South.

Dexter from Calumet informed of Mega Loads over 1 million pounds entering and leaving the area – within the last four months. No accidents and no incidents. We have about 150 new employees working 50+ hours/week at minimum \$20.00 per hour. They hire local first. Talked about ADF and Loe N Bro hiring also. There is not enough affordable housing for these workers and their families. Removed contaminated dirt and “stuff” from 1920-1950 – removed over 40,000 yards of dirt and soil contaminated with high lead levels. They have to clean the area up.

Talked about old business of installing a new Crosswalk Sign at Jaycee Park. Mayor Winters did talk to Jerry McKinley from the City about this. He stated that it would be confusing for children, etc. More follow-up needed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday December 4, 2014 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Richard Calsetta Neighborhood Council #3

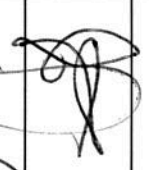







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