

MEETING MINUTES
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
DISTRICT 3
Thursday, March 3, 2016
Riverview School Music Room
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Kathleen Gessaman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Council Members Present: Kathleen Gessaman, Andrea Dean & Jana Cooper. Cindy baker arrived late.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Minutes from February meeting
 - Motion: Andrea Dean
 - Second: Jana Cooper
 - Unanimous
- Committee Reports
 - City Commission
 - Library Board
 - Central Montana Industrial Park – 11 of 12 lots have infrastructure to them ready for development
 - Planning Board
 - No report from Jana
 - Communication with residents
 - School Board
 - Skyline will not be opened as an elementary school too expensive (4 mil dollars per year)
- Calumet Expansion– update
 - Hadley Bedbury from Calumet: Hydrocracker test was completed, needed to make some adjustments to equipment, it was successful and now is in operation.
 - Update on railroad crossing at 4th St NE, the goal is to improve access, there are not plans yet, but it is intent to keep access open. Oil tankers would not be sitting for long period on the tracks. Tanks crossing one to two trains a day.
 - Mr. Guessman presented drawing from TD&H from 2014, showing alignment of rail and different options for crossings. Access card option, Mr. Guessman has issue with that option. Mayor Kelly commented that the access cards are probably not the solution. He stated that all parties are aware of the crossing and that it is important to the community, his understanding is that they are working toward a solution for all parties.
 - Ms. Cooper noted she works for TD&H and can't disclose certain information, but agreed with Mayor Kelly, that her understanding is they are working together toward a solution that's best for all.

NEW BUSINESS

- Neighborhood Crime – Neighborhood Watch, Carol Bronson
 - Ms. Bronson gave an overview of the Neighborhood Watch Program – national program to help reduce crime in neighborhoods. If NC wants to have a Neighborhood Watch they should have a neighbor liaison/coordinator then NC develops plan for our neighborhood. There are 20 active members in our neighborhood now. Neighborworks provides 5 trainings a year. There is a survey to complete to get an understanding of Neighborhood needs.
 - Explained how to form a neighborhood watch – through Neighborhood Council 5 people

on a block would be a block watch, fill out applications, get background checks. Block captain, people can bring issues to the block captain, people watch to be more aware of, coming/going, watching and getting to know your neighbors. Can put up neighborhood watch signs (Jerry McKinley). Good way to know what is going on in the neighborhood and have direct contact with the Policy Department.

- Neighbor mentioned car break-in in our neighborhood in the late evening hours at night.
- Ms. Dean noted that there are not street lights in some of the areas, which causes a concern.
- Ms. Baker remembered an old program that was implemented, she noted that was a member and she is home all day so keeps her eyes out for anything out of the ordinary.
- Debate about whether to leave cars locked or unlocked.
- Ms. Cadwell noted that if your car gets broken into you should report it so there is a record and with the Police's new system they may add more enforcement.
- Need a variety of ways to get information out to the neighbors.
- Ms. Bronson noted she would send Ms. Cadwell Emergency/Non-Emergency numbers for the neighbors.
- Mr. Jake Blaine (45 35th Ave NE) volunteered to be the neighborhood watch coordinator. He will fill out the application.
- It was requested to add Neighborhood Watch to the agenda for the future.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

(Public comment on any matter that is not on the agenda of the meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the Neighborhood Council. In the interest that all parties can be heard, please limit your comments. When addressing the Council, state your name and address for the record.)

- Neighborhood Concerns
 - Concern about traffic speed on 36th Ave.
 - Need to follow up about crosswalk at 36th Ave to the park with Jerry McKinley at the City.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Commission Work Session – Open spots for Neighborhood Councils
 - Mayor Kelly, asked the NC to come to a work session to let the Commissioners know about neighborhood concerns.
 - Available Days: May 3, 17 & June 7, 21
 - June 7th was picked as meeting date.

ADJOURN

- **Ms. Baker made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Dean seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 8:10.**

Next meeting – April 7, 2016