

MEETING MINUTES
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL DISTRICT 3
Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 7:00 PM
Riverview Elementary School Music Room

Neighborhood Council #3 was called to order at 7:02 on June 2, 2016 with all members present.

Minutes from the April meeting were unanimously approved with two minor spelling corrections.

Kathy Gessaman reported that the city commission voted to raise water and storm drain rates 10% and sewer rates 3%, the assistant city manager is leaving for another position, the library codes have been updated, the ISO rating has gone from a 4 to a 2 and there was the first reading of the sign code.

Jana Cooper reported that the Smelter Ave apartments have been recommended for approval by the planning board but there are still public hearings to be held.

Cyndi Baker reported that the school district is running a 98.8 million dollar bond levy in Oct and since their presentation was on tonight's agenda she would defer to their representative to discuss it.

Cyndi Baker reported on the Police Advisory board meeting. DDACTS is being implemented, the chief has requested 3 new officers in the upcoming budget, the software issue was still a problem, the department is buying 6 car cameras this year, the "cop in a box" has died and it is prohibitively expensive to fix or replace, jaywalking violations downtown will start being enforced on June 1, and the focus and priority of officers is going to be on stopping distracted driving.

No representative from Calumet was available to give a report.

Jana gave a more detailed report on the Smelter Ave apartments. A public hearing will be held on July 7 and they hope to break ground in about 6 months.

Jana also reported on the Park Master Plan survey. Special events ranked high as well as walking and biking trails.

There was no Neighborhood Watch report.

Don Gerhart introduced himself as our new community policing officer. He has been with the department for 23 years. He stated most crimes are crimes of opportunity and said those could be reduced by locking cars and garages.

Ben Sidor from Woith Engineering spoke about the Skyline Heights Apartments subdivision. He said it is being done for financial reasons and no new structures are involved. The council is not opposed to the subdivision but does have concerns about 36th Ave as well as the retention pond and drainage issues.

Heather Palermo, director of Lifelong Learning at GF College MSU spoke about types of classes being offered. They have "fun" classes, kid's camps, customized training, professional development and community enrichment. Prices range from \$19-\$199 and all classes are non-credit.

Ruth Uecker gave a power point presentation on the district's reasons for asking for a 98.8 million dollar bond levy and invited those who wanted to learn more to an informational meeting on June 15th at Longfellow school where people can see first hand some of the structural issues the district is trying to address.

"Ron Gessaman had concerns about traffic disruption on Smelter Ave during construction starting June 6th and continuing three weeks. He suggested they temporarily reverse traffic on the alley south of 25th Ave NE - currently it is east bound only."

Terry went over talking points for the Commission work session which will be held June 7 and meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.