

Neighborhood Council District 3
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 1, 2016
Riverview Elementary Music Room
7:00 pm

Call to Order – meeting called to order at 7:01 pm

- Members present: Cyndi Baker, Jana Cooper, Kathy Gessaman, Terry Thompson
- Member absent: Andrea Dean

Unfinished Business

- June Minutes – approved as presented

Committee Reports

- City Commission – water/sewer rates were increase approximately 10%; Refinery taxes went up approximately \$800,000; Parking fees in neighborhoods were removed; An agreement was reached by the City and the owner of the Holman Building to make needed improvements; Smelter Avenue Apartments have been approved.
- Planning Board – West Bank Landing has been approved. A Marriott Hotel is coming. West Bank improvements being made the next few months.
- School Board – the bond vote is coming in October.
- Police Advisory Board – additional employees have been added to the budget; 6 car cams will be purchased; the canine program is suspended due to the lack of available officers trained as canine handlers.
- Calumet Update – Hadley Bedbury provided the update on the gas compressor issue in the early morning hours of September 1; the instrumentation failure tripping the compressors on August 8; they are increasing features to increase safety; no update on the West Bank railroad crossing; there was no status to report on the erosion problem of the West Bank as no recent meeting had been held. Hadley was asked to provide a railroad crossing update at the next meeting.

New Business

- Great Falls High School Plan – Phil Faccenda, architect provided a power point presentation on his conceptual design for the Great Falls High Campus. His plan would save 7 – 8 million dollars as opposed to the current plan. Opposes the current design. He wasn't against the bond but felt more thought should go into the planning.
- 36th Avenue NE & Bootlegger Intersection Update – Dave Dobbs provided a history of 36th finished to Bootlegger and 13th/14th Streets. One bid came in at \$855,000 from a Billings contractor. City projected the project to be \$655,000. It will reject the bid and bid again in the spring. They checked with other contractors who responded they couldn't get asphalt this late in the year and the other was too busy to bid the project. Drawings of the planned project are not available online. The street will drop down more than it is now and correct current drainage issue. The project will be completed in 2 phases (West End & East End) and is expected to take 60 -75 days. Sidewalks and curbing will be installed on the west side of 11th Street but none from 12th at Church to the west. There will be connectivity to current sidewalks.

- Skyline Park Crosswalk Update – Jerry McKinley presented the traffic study findings completed in August at the intersection of 2nd Street and 36th Avenue NE. Video data was compiled for both pedestrian and bicycle traffic. The numbers aren't there to support installation of a 4-way stop. There is heavy traffic flowing west on 36th Avenue NE turning left onto 2nd Street and on 2nd Street turning right onto 36th Avenue NE. The study observed significant pedestrians, 4,000 vehicles per day which is a 115% increase at the intersection since 2007. Jerry is proposing marked crossings on 2nd Street for both North and South at the existing stop signs. ***Motion: the council supports the installation of marked cross walks at the intersection proposed. Motion passed.***

Petitions and Communications

- Neighborhood Concerns – there was a brief discussion about creating a dog park at the Skyline Addition area across from the school. Terry has provided the Park & Rec Department information about grants available from the Realtor Association that would assist the development of a dog park. She will inquire further about the possibilities of developing one there. Dog owners in the area are currently walking their dogs across the field.

Other Business

- Mitch Tropila – candidate for County Commissioner gave a brief presentation as to his objectives if he is elected.

Adjourned at 8:53 pm

Minutes prepared by Terry Thompson