

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**DISTRICT 3**  
**Thursday, January 5, 2017**  
**Riverview School Music Room**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Terry Thompson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Council members present: Terry Thompson, Andrea Dean, Kathleen (Kathy) Gessaman, Cyndi Baker & Jana Cooper; a quorum was present.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Minutes from December meeting: Andrea Dean moved to accept the minutes of the December, 2016 NC3 meeting minutes, Kathy Gessaman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- Committee Reports
  - City Commission
    - Dec 6, 2016: CC turned down the Calumet tax abatement. “Vineyard” fire proved to cause some issues with response timing
    - Dec 10, 2016: 5 year contract with Montana Waste System. 3 year parking contract and realigned responsibilities.
    - Jan 3, 2017: Civic Center renovation possibility – Gibson Room to offices; sanitation 6 new garbage trucks; 150 people at cc meeting for proclamation on intolerance; fixing natatorium, revisiting contracts, will keep it up; needs for CDBG funds for 2017; 1<sup>st</sup> reading of West Ridge Addition, public hearing Feb 21, 2017
  - Planning Board
    - No report.
  - Police Advisory Board
    - Dec 17, 2016: Karen Young selected as 911 director; review policy for officer pursuit of vehicles; 36 cars stolen in a month mostly one person, stealing to use for other crimes around the country, 13 arrests made, using master keys, targeting vehicles without chips; D-DAQ report; counterfeit \$100 bills more lately; applications are down for police officers
  - Communication with residents
    - A few neighbors had questions on West Ridge Addition
  - School Board/District
    - Bond projects starting on small items.
  - Neighborhood Watch
    - No Report.
- Calumet update – Hadley Bedbury: Winterization started in September, no new information to report. Hydro-cracker was down for a few days before Christmas, for routine maintenance.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Election of officers
  - Motion: Kathy – move to maintain the current officers, Andrea Dean seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.
- Community Policing – Officer Donny Gerhart
  - Stolen autos seem to still be a big issue, reminder to lock your car, don't leave it running or keys sitting inside. Putting together special task force to look at these special problem issues, 1 Sergeant and 5 Officers on the team. Biggest concern for NC3 is theft, stats were provided, a lot of car break-ins. Traffic secondary concern. Reminder about legislature being in session, could be new laws to be aware of. Abandon vehicles question, different types of processes, need to call the police department to find out more information.
- CM Russell Museum buildings update – Operations Manager Chuck Keen
  - Charley Russell House – never had any major conservation since conception, moved from original location 50 feet, trying to go back to 1900's look, needs some upgrades, electrical and roof, hazmat lead paint, asbestos, received a brownfield grant from GFDA to remediate, remodeling to go back to original era reinterpret the space, new porch, carpet removed – hardwood, studio conservation.
  - Environmental upgrade to museum to control temp and humidity.
  - Opened the library – authority on Charlie Russell
  - Major flood last year, no damage to the collection
  - Encourage to come by and see museum and become a member – Western Art Week coming up in 60 days
- Disaster Readiness – City Emergency Manager Dave Nordel (City of Great Falls – [dnordel@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:dnordel@greatfallsmt.net), 406-455-8579, 406-403-3620-cell)
  - Explained preparedness plans and considerations, provided handouts and information. As a community we are more prepared than most of the state because we prioritize the efforts. Follow code red it's important. Be prepared at your home and vehicle. September is preparedness month. Different scenarios for types of events are being considered, best way to roll these out is at the elementary school level.
  - Erin Merchant, preparedness and communication officer for City County Health Department. Plans for health of the community, ex. flu shots. Have conversations with your family for emergency situations – evacuation, where will you go, animals? Write it down somewhere. Disease outbreak, stay at your home, do you have 3-day supply food/water/medication. Working together as community/neighborhood, more holistic, does anyone need help in our neighborhood, etc.
  - Further discussion occurred about other preparedness issues.
    - Ron Gessaman (1006 36<sup>th</sup> Ave NE) noted concerns for annexation approvals that leap frog (urban sprawl), developer should pay for their share for emergency access based on approval.
    - Cyndi Baker asked how code red works, need to download app.
    - Terry Thompson suggested a community get together to go over some of these preparedness items.

## 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
  - Ron Gessaman (1006 36<sup>th</sup> Ave NE) – Update on jay walking at calumet, new light at lab lights the street, and employees using crosswalk, seems better.
  - Patty invited to have the Council to come back to the City Commission Work Session. Terry Thompson signed up for 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in March. Terry Thompson will not be at the next meeting Cyndi Baker will Chair the meeting.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **ADJOURN**

Terry Thompson adjourned meeting at 8:30 p.m.

**Next meeting – February 2, 2017**