

Minutes of meeting - Thursday 04/03/2014 Neighborhood Council #3 Riverview Elementary School – 7 p.m.

Call to Order: Kathleen Gessaman, President called meeting to order. Attendees: Terry Thompson, Cyndi Baker and Richard Calsetta. Patty Cadwell also in attendance.

Sign in Sheet was passed around.

Welcomed all to meeting. Quorum present. Four members of council were present and accounted for. Steve Malicott had a previous engagement.

Minutes from last meeting. Terry Thompson pointed out a typo in Damon Carroll's name which was corrected. Terry moved and Rich seconded to approve minutes as corrected. Passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Rich briefed us on the Stone Meadows expansion.

Terry announced that we have created a Facebook page for NC #3. Like us and we are encouraging residents to post things that we as a council should be paying attention to.

Rich commented that this council's goal is to have more communication with residents than has happened in the past. He is working with KRTV.com to post our meeting dates and events on their Community Calendar as well as neighborhood schools to use their leader boards on the day of the meeting to announce our meetings. Lots going on in Great Falls and in our area and would like to keep people well informed.

Audience member stated that conservativenewsmt.com was a good resource too

Unfinished Business

City Attorney Sara Sexe wants our signatures on the change in bylaws. Section 10 is the section in question. Terry moved and Cyndi seconded to accept the bylaws revisions. Council members initialed the form.

New Business

Annexation/Zoning lot west of 14th St NE and 36th Ave NE

Mr. Carroll spoke about why this council should support this project. Has another project on hold because of storm drain issues. One issue is to have a storm retention pond off 14th street. A contract has been issued by the city to design this pond. His projects are currently in the hands of the city engineers and will not proceed until the city signs off on it. He is trying to address neighborhood concerns early in the process so delays are kept to a minimum. He showed elevation drawings and driveway approaches to 36th street. A requirement is the units must be designed to look like single family homes. He has worked on getting the city to approve this project for over 3 years. He is putting \$150,000 into improvements to the area and 36th

street and would like the blessing of this council. Terry made a motion that NC#3 support the annexation/ zoning lot and Rich seconded. Terry commented that she supports this 100% because of the lack of affordable housing in the area. Motion passed unanimously.

12th St NE Gertson Complaint

There is a section on 12th St from 37th Ave NE to 36th Ave NE that is currently a mess- holes, mud and unfinished road.

River City Casino Conditional Use Permit

Gregg Smith spoke about this. Casino is too close to Corpus Christi Church. They must be 600 feet to be legal. The casino and church are 556 door to door. They could have transferred a license and been grandfathered it but city asked them to go through the conditional use process. This is designed to improve the existing property and provide a buffer. Casino will serve beer/ wine. There are 28 parking spaces that will be included. Rich motioned that NC#3 support this project under the conditional use permit process. Cyndi seconded. Rich withdrew his motion. Cyndi motioned that we take no position on this project due to the fact that we have not heard from the church. Rich seconded. Passed unanimously.

Other business Great Falls Public Schools Mill Levy request

Bob Moretti and Jan Cahill, school board trustees came to speak to the issue. Levy amount is 1.6 million.

Legislative Candidate introductions

Cleve Loney and Tom Jacobson each introduced themselves and told why they are running for office.

Neighborhood Concerns

Hadley talked about things going on at the refinery. 14,000 cubic yards of hazardous material is being dug out and disposed of. Megalloads should arrive in May or June.

Rep Bob Melhoff said his new district covers Valleyview and if there are concerns with this part of his district that come before the council he would like to be notified. His email is rmehlhoff@yahoo.com.

There is a concern about a strobe light up by 36th street on the celltower.

Cyndi made a motion to adjourn and Rich seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.