

Great Falls Neighborhood Council 3
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Great Falls, MT 59404

May 8, 2025

Mayor Cory Reeves, Commissioner Joe McKenney, Commissioner Rick Tryon, Commissioner Shannon Wilson, Commissioner Susan Wolf
P.O. Box 5021
Great Falls, MT 59403

Re: NC3 Support for Electric City Pickleball Club

Dear Mayor Reeves and City Commissioners:

The Electric City Pickleball Club is an active and growing group of city residents. Since 2021 this group has increased from 31 members to more than 212 members. The organization's Facebook page currently has 727 members. If national figures are correct, the sport will continue to grow. A Sports and Fitness Industry Association report dated November 14, 2024 states that for three years in a row, pickleball remained the fastest-growing sport in the United States.

This local group is focused on improving our city's recreational facilities. The pickleball community raised \$30,600 to support the construction of pickleball courts at Jaycee Park in 2020. Working with the tennis association, the ECPC installed a porta potty at courts located in our district at Jaycee Park and C.M. Russell High School. They've also provided windscreens for use at both Jaycee Park and CMR and placed a picnic table at Jaycee Park. In addition, club volunteers work to patch the courts each year and provide general supervision and care of the courts including garbage cleanup, spraying and pulling weeds, and fixing fences.

The ECPC has expressed an interest in increasing the number of pickleball courts at Jaycee Park. Additional courts would allow the club to host large tournaments, bringing players and their family members from all over our state to this community.

Our city is fortunate for the work ECPC members perform to improve our recreational facilities. The members of Great Falls Neighborhood Council 3 support the efforts of ECPC in their desire to increase the number of pickleball courts at Jaycee Park and other city recreational areas.

Sincerely,



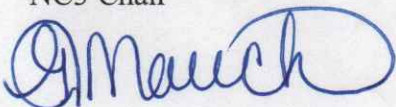
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