

Minutes Neighborhood Council 3 (NC3)
September 4, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
Riverview Elementary School - Music Room

CALL TO ORDER: at 6:30 p.m. by Kathleen Gessaman, Chair.

Council members present: Sue Dickenson, Kathleen Gessaman, Aron Krischel, Garri Mauch, Eric Peterson

OLD BUSINESS

- **Minutes from the July 16, 2025 Special Meeting:** Garri Mauch made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Aron Krischel seconded the motion. The motion to accept the minutes as written passed unanimously.
- **Minutes from the August 14, 2025 Special Meeting:** Aron Krischel made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Garri Mauch seconded the motion. The motion to accept the minutes as written passed unanimously.
- **Calumet Updates** -Calumet Communications Specialist Lanni Klasner was scheduled to speak during new business.
- **Vision and Goal Setting** - Vision and goal setting will be held for a future meeting.
- **Committee Reports** –Kathleen Gessaman thanked everyone who participated in the NC3 Summer Celebration. She said there was a great turnout, all of the activities were fun and the children enjoyed the event. Garri Mauch estimated that there were 250-300 people who attended the event.
- **NC3 Facebook Page Update** - Eric Peterson provided the NC3 Facebook page update for the month of August. He said the page has a total of 866 followers, an increase of 43 from the last meeting. He said there were 39 posts made since the last regular meeting. During the last 28 days there were 13,013 post views and 355 post reactions, comments, and shares. He said the top post of the month was the media release made on August 17, 2025 promoting our Summer Celebration. That post received 1,607 views.
- **NC3 Crimemapping Report** - Eric Peterson said during the last 28 days in the NC3 district there have been 18 theft/larceny reports, no motor vehicle theft reports, one drug/alcohol violation report, one burglary report, three vandalism reports, two disturbing the peace reports, no fraud reports, three assault reports, one DUI report, four vehicle break-in reports, and no arson reports. He said residents should make sure they lock their vehicles and remove or hide valuables in their vehicles.
- **Fundraising for Skyline Park and Valley View Park** –Sue Dickenson asked if we could update the cost quote in our fundraising letter to account for inflation. Garri Mauch said we could re-evaluate costs after Calumet completes their budget, as she has requested a donation from the company. Eric Peterson said we currently have \$79 in our online donation account. He said he will contact Town Pump Charitable Foundation to see where we are in line for the donations that they provide to communities.
- **Quiet Zone** – Kathleen Gessaman said the Quiet Zone issue will be discussed during the Council of Councils meeting in October. Sue Dickenson said she thought Lisa Meyers was going to look into measuring the decibel levels of the train horns.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Calumet update:** Calumet Communications Manager Lanni Klasner said she works for two separate companies owned by Calumet, the petroleum refinery and Montana Renewables, that produces sustainable aviation fuel. She said the refinery has been in operation at that location for

103 years and the city has built up around it. The two companies employ 300 employees with an average wage of \$140,000 year with benefits. She said Calumet has invested \$1 billion in its facilities. She explained that Calumet's protest of taxes is based on their plant being valued by the State of Montana at four times the value of larger facilities located in Billings, Montana. She said the plant does not currently plan on expanding its footprint into the old Westgate Mall. A wastewater treatment unit is going to be added to Calumet in the future. She said they are highly regulated, and recently passed an EPA inspection and drill with flying colors. She said the companies want to be good stewards to the community. She said a person can Google Calumet Montana to find a remediation website to see company information and fact sheets. She said an in-depth presentation will be provided from their senior vice president of Montana Operations during the Council of Councils meeting in October. She said the company wants to be open and transparent and a person can contact her with questions at greatfallscommunity@Calumet.com. Sue Dickenson asked for information on closing off the crossing for access to the West Bank Park. She wanted to know if there was going to be access to the park if the crossing was closed off. Lanni Klasner said the city, Calumet, and BNSF had a meeting. They determined that the agreement between the city and BNSF did not include public access, but had just allowed access to the water treatment center by city employees. She said the access road is BNSF property too.

OTHER BUSINESS

Petitions and Communications

- **Neighborhood Concerns:** Kathleen Gessaman said residents have asked her if the city could reduce the speed limit on 36th Avenue N.E. from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour.

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- **New Speed Limit Sign** – Garri Mauch wanted to thank the city for placing new 25 miles per hour speed limit signs near Skyline School. She said she would contact the Great Falls Public Schools Administration to discuss traffic issues located near Charles M. Russell High School.

AGENDA SUGGESTION ITEMS

- Request city personnel to discuss the possibility to reduce speed limits to address the increased traffic on 36th Avenue N.E.

ADJOURN

Sue Dickenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Aron Krischel seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by Kathleen Gessaman at 7:44 p.m.

The next regular NC3 meeting will be held Thursday, October 2, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Peterson, secretary.