

Minutes Neighborhood Council 3 (NC3)
November 6, 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 October 2, 2025 meeting:** Aron Krischel made the motion to accept the minutes of the October 2, 2025 NC3 meeting. Garri Mauch seconded the motion. The motion to accept the minutes was accepted unanimously from the council.
- **Calumet Updates:** There were no Calumet updates provided during the meeting.
- **Vision and Goal Setting:** Vision and goal setting will be held for a future meeting.
- **Committee Reports:** There
- **NC3 Facebook Page Update:** Eric Peterson provided the NC3 Facebook page update for the month of November. He said the page has a total of 909 followers. He said there were 17 posts made since the last meeting, and during the last 28 days the page had 13,660 post views and 119 content interactions. The most active post during the month was the Calumet media release information that was posted on Wednesday, October 22, 2025. That post received 2,409 views. The Facebook Live Council of Councils meeting broadcast on October 28 received 600 views and 408 impressions.
- **NC3 Crimemapping Report:** Eric Peterson said during the last 28 days the NC3 district map displayed 45 reports of crime with 19 of those reports generated near the retail and commercial areas of the Northwest Bypass or Smelter Avenue. He said there have been 27 theft/larceny reports, two motor vehicle theft reports, two drug/alcohol violation reports, three burglary reports, two vandalism reports, three disturbing the peace reports, four assault reports, and two vehicle break-in reports.
- **Council of Council Meeting:** Kathleen Gessaman provided a report on the Council of Council meeting that took place on October 28. She said Chief Jeff Newton provided an overview of the Great Falls Police Department activities. He said the School Resource Officers were posted downtown from June to August and had 139 arrests and cited 70 people for disorderly conduct. He asked that the public work to reduce firearm thefts from vehicles. He was not happy about incorrect information being posted to social media. He said the Crimemapping software was posing problems for the department. Kathleen Gessaman said the Senior Vice President of Calumet Montana Operations, Colin Shade, provided a presentation on his company. He said they are trying to increase transparency and safety is a core value of the company. There are 300 people employed at the company with an average salary of \$140,000 with benefits. He said there are two separate companies, Montana Renewables and the traditional refinery. The water used in cleaning materials has been reduced from 3000 barrels per day to 700 barrels per day. There is no timeframe available for when they plan to build the water treatment plant. With three rail lines they are hoping to get down to one switch per day. There is no plan to expand the footprint of the refinery. On November 13 the company is sponsoring an event at the Black Eagle Community Center with Business After 5. Kathleen Gessaman said Great Falls Park and Recreation Interim Director Jessica Compton discussed the 20-year Park District levy to address deferred maintenance on the parks. She said they are trying to find ways to reduce the graffiti in parks. On November 13 an open house will be held at the Scheels Aim High Recreation Center. She said Publisher Michael Andy Anderson provided a presentation on the Great Falls Gazette.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Summer Celebration planning/preparation:** Gary Mauch made a motion to hold our Summer Celebration at Jaycee Park from 1-3 p.m. on August 22, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Holiday Lighting Contest Discussion:** Garri Mauch said we made a basket to give to the winner of our contest. This year we need to stipulate that we see only the exterior of the home. Eric Peterson said we should have only one wide shot of the home exterior submitted to the contest. Garri Mauch suggested sending a message to her if someone needed a photo of their house taken. The timeframe to submit an entry or request us to shoot a photograph of their yard will be from December 1-10. Images will be posted on Facebook with one post using individual comments for each image and the post will be pinned to the top of the feed. From December 11-18 NC3 residents will vote for their favorite image. On December 20 Garri Mauch and Eric Peterson will count the votes. The winner of the contest will be announced on December 22. Delivery date for the gift basket will be December 23. Garri Mauch requested that council members bring their donations to the next meeting on December 4 to allow her time to get a basket together. Sue Dickenson suggested hot chocolate mix and puzzles could be added to the basket. Garri Mauch made a motion to support the Holiday Lighting Contest with council members contributing for a basket for the winning entry. Sue Dickenson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Petitions and Communications

- **Neighborhood Concerns:** Eric Peterson said he was contacted by a resident who is concerned about traffic on Riverview 4E. The resident said the street has become a throughway from Division Road to 2nd Street. He says it is often difficult to back out of his driveway with cars rounding the corner and is concerned about children playing in the street with cars exceeding the speed limit.
- Eric Peterson asked that current and new council members update the NC3 tri-fold with new information and have it ready for the January meeting.
- Eric Peterson reminded the council that the swearing in ceremony for all newly elected members will take place on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 5 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

AGENDA SUGGESTION ITEMS

Sue Dickenson suggested that we put the Riverview 4E traffic issue on the agenda for the January meeting.

ADJOURN

Sue Dickenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Aron Krischel seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by Kathleen Gessaman at 7:33 p.m.

The next regular NC3 meeting will be held Thursday, December 4, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Peterson, secretary.