

**Minutes Neighborhood Council  
District 3  
Thursday, January 5, 2012  
Riverview Multi-Purpose Room  
7:00 p.m.**

**Call to order:** Lori Fay, the CY2011 NC #3 Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Council members present:** Lori Fay, Kathleen Gessaman, Ron Gessaman, and Johnathan Kenneway. Kathleen reported John Sturgeon called and said he couldn't attend the January meeting but will be at the February meeting. Patty Cadwell, Neighborhood and Youth Council Coordinator, was present.

**Others present:** See Attached Attendance list.

**Election of Officers:** After a brief discussion among the Board members about Board positions and eligibility, Kathleen G. moved to nominate John S. for Chair. Ron G. seconded. The motion passed.

Johnathan moved to nominate Lori F. as Vice Chair on the condition that the new position be added to the Bylaws. Kathleen G. seconded. The motion passed.

Lori F. moved to nominate Kathleen G. as Secretary. Johnathan K. seconded. The motion passed.

Kathleen G. moved to nominate Johnathan K. for Official Delegate, Lori F. seconded; the motion passed.

**Old Business:** Minutes: Since only Lori F., as the only meeting attendee, was qualified to vote on a motion to approve the 12-1-11 NC3 meeting minutes, a quorum could not be assembled. Patty Cadwell, suggested the Board continue with other agenda items and leave the minutes permanently unapproved.

Skyline and Jaycee Park Reports: Sue Steichen, 405 35<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, introduced Aaron Violet, 325 33rd Ave NE, and Steve Pre'tat, #187 300 Smelter Ave NE. Aaron displayed an updated design of the Skyline Park improvements and discussed some of the changes. Steve reported on fundraising activity for the work. Steve asked the public to send him any information about local foundations that he could ask for financial support for Skyline Park. Steve said a web page <http://www.skylinepark.net/> is under construction, and the committee can be contacted at [skylinepark@bresnan.net](mailto:skylinepark@bresnan.net) The Board asked about placement of playground equipment, maintenance, parking lot size, questioned the need for restrooms, etc. Marty Basta, Director of Parks and Recreation, helped answer some of the questions. The presenters emphasized the design is not final.

**New Business:** Bylaw Changes: Kathleen G. moved to change the Council meeting location in the Bylaws to just say Riverview School. Johnathan K. seconded, and the motion passed. The location of the change in Bylaws: "**Section 4 – Meetings**....C. Regular Council meetings....7:00 p.m. in the Riverview School cafeteria...." Note – the City's website has the NC #3 meetings in the Riverview School library.

Johnathan K. moved that the position of Vice Chair be inserted after Chair. Lori F. seconded, and the motion passed. The location of the change in Bylaws: "**Section 5 – Officers and Duties**....A. The officers of the Council shall be a Chair, **Vice Chair**, Secretary, and an Official Delegate...."

Ron G. moved to strike "appoint sub-committees," from the Chair's duties. Lori F. seconded, and the motion passed. The location of the change in Bylaws: "**Section 5 – Officers and Duties**....B. Duties of the officers are as follows: Chair: The Chair shall conduct meetings, ~~appoint sub-committees,~~ and generally oversee the business of the Council...."

Fundraising Account for Skyline and Jaycee Parks: Marty Basta thanked the Neighborhood Council and neighborhood for getting behind the Park project and then clarified the difference between the Park Foundation and the Park Trust Fund. Marty explained that the Park Foundation is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization that is separate from the City. The Park Foundation presently has three accounts set up for donations for Jaycee and Skyline Parks: 1) Jaycee Park Playground Equipment Fund, 2) Skyline Park Playground Equipment Fund, and 3) Skyline Park Improvement Fund. Marty said the City's Park Trust receives cash for park land sales and in lieu of park land when a developer has a project that is too small to require land to be set aside for a park. The City receives 11% of the development land for a park or the Park Trust receives \$0.35 per sq-ft for 11% of the development land in lieu of actual parkland. Marty also reported that the School District is discussing swapping School District land next to the City's parkland south of Skyline School for Kranz Park near Great Falls High School. Patty C. said this swap could be a lengthy discussion and might be objected to by the Neighborhood Council in the GFHS area.

Requested Closure of a Portion of 6<sup>th</sup> St NE by Montana Refining: Jeff Short, 1900 10<sup>th</sup> St NE, and Dexter Busby, 1900 10<sup>th</sup> St NE, representing MT Refinery Company (MRC), discussed a fence closing off the short section of 6<sup>th</sup> St NE that extends southward beyond 17<sup>th</sup> Ave NE to the railroad lines and currently provides access to City property nearer the river. Jeff said MRC would build a different access road to the City's property at the west end of a parcel of land owned by MRC adjacent to the 6<sup>th</sup> St NE stub before fencing off the south end of 6<sup>th</sup> St NE. The Board had questions. Jeff said the City currently leases access on the BNSF ROW but MRC plans to take over the ROW and add two parallel spur lines to store up to 60 rail cars there instead of at the BNSF yard. Jeff couldn't say if hazardous materials would be stored in the railroad cars. Lori F. moved to inform the planning board that NC #3 did not object to MRC closing that portion of 6<sup>th</sup> St NE provided MRC makes access available to the City's property. Jonathan K. seconded. Lori asked for public comment - some of the comments with answers included: the fence across 6<sup>th</sup> St NE would have a gate, the street will not be abandoned and the closure will revert back to the City if MRC doesn't need it in the future. The Board vote: 2 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain.

Dexter next addressed MRC's purchase of the Westgate Mall property. Dexter said the mall property would be used temporarily mostly for short-term, dry storage as MRC didn't have a long-range plan yet. MRC is using in-house employees and a few locals for some interior modifications to the mall but has a contractor from Billings removing the asbestos in the floor tiles, ceiling tiles, etc. MRC plans to move an asphalt additive (contained in 1000# sacks) that is currently stored in other locations to the mall. Dexter said there should be no fire hazard. The land Dimitri's is currently located on is owned by a Trust and is not part of the MRC purchase. The old radio shack is on MRC-owned land and will be removed.

**Issues of Neighborhood Concern:** The public and board members expressed many traffic concerns, and Patty C. suggested adding that topic to the February agenda. Some concerns mentioned: traffic roundabout by 2J's diverting traffic to Riverview B, placing a roundabout on 9<sup>th</sup> St NE and 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE where five roads intersect, putting a 4-way stop at 36<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and 9<sup>th</sup> St NE, speeding on 36<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and on 37<sup>th</sup>, and 38<sup>th</sup> Ave NE where those two avenues intersect with 2<sup>nd</sup> St NE, drainage concerns in new developments proposed north of 40<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, etc. Patty C. noted all new developments must control runoff with holding ponds or pump stations to storm sewer lines and the storm drainage from Skyline Park to 5<sup>th</sup> St NE is still under construction – some worry the storm sewer lines are not big enough to control all the runoff.

The Council of Councils meets on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012 at 9 a.m. - the proposed large vehicle ordinance is still under discussion.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for February 2, 2012 at 7 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Gessaman, Secretary, NC #3.**

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