

**Minutes Neighborhood Council  
District 3 (NC3)  
Thursday, April 5, 2012  
Riverview Multi-Purpose Room  
7:00 p.m.**

**Call to order:** John Sturgeon, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Council members and guest speakers present:** Lori Fay, Kathleen Gessaman, Ron Gessaman, Johnathan Kenneway, and John Sturgeon. Patty Cadwell, Neighborhood and Youth Council Coordinator. Guest speakers: Jim Santoro, City Attorney, Lisa Kunz, City Clerk, Ronda Wiggers, Legislative redistricting, and Joe Sullivan, District Court Judge candidate. About ten additional people were in the audience.

**Minutes:** ~~Lori F. moved to make the following changes in the March 1, 2012 minutes: Cyndi Baker, 500 Montana Ave NW, discussed a flyer recently distributed in the HD 25 area. Cyndi said the flyer made untrue allegations about Rep. Loney. She appealed to the candidates to not use this type of smear advertising in their campaigns~~ **made a presentation. John S. seconded. The motion passed 3 to 2.**

**Lori F. moved to accept the revised March 1, 2012 Neighborhood Council Three minutes; Johnathan K. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Delegate Reports:** Johnathan K. asked Ron G. to discuss the City Commission meetings that he was unable to attend, and Ron reported on the City Commission and Works Sessions he attended.

**New Business:** Ronda Wiggers, representing the Chamber of Commerce, discussed the legislative redistricting process and presented maps showing the various proposals. The Chamber of Commerce wants more citizen participation in the current round of redistricting. Find out more about the proposed maps at [www.leg.mt.gov/districting](http://www.leg.mt.gov/districting). Public comments can be sent to: Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission, PO Box 201706, Helena, MT 59620-1706. E-mails can be sent to: [districting@mt.gov](mailto:districting@mt.gov) or Fax: 406-444-3036.

Jim Santoro, City Attorney, and Lisa Kuntz, City Clerk, discussed Neighborhood Council protocol. Each Board member received a bound Neighborhood Council Handbook. Mr. Santoro and Ms. Kuntz used a PowerPoint presentation to highlight topics covered in the handbook.

John S. brought up the cell phone usage in moving vehicles issue. Patty C. reported the City Commission is tentatively scheduled to discuss a proposed cell phone ordinance on May 1st. Check the City's website the day before the Work Session or City Commission meeting for details. <http://www.greatfallsmt.net/>

**Ron G. moved that NC3 adopt the following policy: NC3 does not endorse any political candidate or party. We invite all candidates with a connection to our neighborhood to introduce themselves and present their platform. The chair may ask candidates to limit their speaking time but will endeavor to treat all candidates equally. Candidates, and any attending supporters, are expected to exhibit appropriate social behavior. Political attacks on other candidates will not be tolerated. At the chair's discretion, candidates, who themselves or whose supporters, fail to exhibit courtesy and tolerance of others may be denied further floor privileges. A candidate or supporter so denied may immediately appeal to the full council for the right to continue speaking; any decision by a simple majority of the council members will be final. Kathy G. seconded.** John asked if there was any discussion. Ron offered, in support of his motion, his opinion that if there is an established formal policy, people tend to follow that

policy, whereas, if there are no rules, people feel free to do as they please. **The motion passed unanimously.**

District Court Judge candidate, Joe Sullivan, spoke about his education, background, and personal character and said his intent, if elected, is to be a fair and impartial judge.

**Issues of Neighborhood Concern:** John S. expressed his concerns about cats wandering around the neighborhood. Citizens should call the police at 771-1180 to report stray animals.

Possible agenda items for the next meeting: Invite someone from the Animal Foundation and other political candidates – Patty C. said to let her know before the next meeting.

**Kathleen G. moved to adjourn, Lori F. seconded, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.** The next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2012 at 7 p.m. at Riverview School – this may be the last meeting before the council takes a summer break.

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Gessaman, NC3 Secretary.