

**Minutes Neighborhood Council
District 3 (NC3)
Thursday, September 6, 2012
Riverview Multi-Purpose Room
7:00 p.m.**

Call to Order: John Sturgeon, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Lori Faye was absent because of a scheduling conflict with another activity. A quorum of Council members was present.

Attendees: Council members: John Sturgeon, Kathleen Gessaman, Ron Gessaman, and Johnathan Kenneway. Patty Cadwell, Neighborhood and Youth Council Coordinator. Guest speaker: Mary Jolley, candidate for Cascade County Justice of Peace. Seven members of the public, including three high school students, also were in attendance.

Minutes: Johnathan K. moved to accept the May 3, 2012 Neighborhood Council Three minutes; Ron G. seconded. John S. asked for public comment; there was none. **The motion passed unanimously.**

New Business: Mary Jolley, a candidate for the Cascade County Justice of Peace, introduced herself and spoke about the position and her background and education. Campaigning is restricted by the judicial code that candidates must adhere to. Mary distributed campaign cards and invited people to check out her website: <http://www.jolleyforjustice.com/>

Delegate Reports: Johnathan K. said he would have reports to present at the next meeting. Details on past and future city meetings can be found at <http://www.greatfallsmt.net/meetings>

John S. presented several *Tribune* articles that reported the Leadership Great Falls Class fundraising campaign for playground equipment in Jaycee and Skyline Parks collected nearly \$50,000. Council members noted that the playground equipment installation appears complete in Skyline Park, and workers are presently installing equipment in Jaycee Park. One of the *Tribune* articles mentioned contributions for the playground equipment from D.A. Davidson & Co, Montana Refining Co., Western States Insurance Agency, Sletten Companies, Liberty Electric Inc., Bison Motor Co., Malsani's Central Solutions, Johnson Madison Lumber Co., Culligan Water Conditioning, Premier Care Pediatrics and Dr. Michael Garver, First Interstate Bank, Benefis Health Systems, Pacific Steel and Recycling, Jim and Debbie Filipowicz, and CTA Architects.

Issues of Neighborhood Concern: John S. reported he received a call from a neighbor on Montana Ave who expressed concern about the blacktop breaking away from the curb. Cyndi Baker said there was also a strip of concrete spilled in the intersection of 4th St NW and Montana Ave. Johnathan K. volunteered to follow up on the problems with Public Works.

Ron G. commented that in mid-August the sale of Montana Refining Company to Calumet Specialty Products Partners, L.P by Connacher Oil and Gas Limited was announced. Ron asked Dexter Busby, a Montana Refining employee in the audience, if he had any information to share about the sale. Dexter, commenting unofficially, said the change in ownership should be a positive experience since there is a good synergy between the two companies. Dexter noted Connacher offered the refinery for sale, received several bids, and Calumet made the best offer. The sale is scheduled to close on October 1, 2012. Dexter fielded several questions about jobs and oil purchases. The new company has said they plan to keep all the employees and not change the facilities' operation. Dexter said the refinery buys its crude oil on the spot market and, although it can accept rail delivery, most of the crude oil arrives via pipeline. Dexter had no

information about the closure of the south end of 6th Street NE being placed on hold by MRC – Patty suggested gaining approval from BN for right away might be involved.

Patty C. asked Dexter if there was any truth to the rumor that Mountain View Coop recently bought the lot currently occupied by the Prospector Restaurant. Dexter confirmed that Mountain View Coop now owns the property at three corners of the Smelter Ave & Havre Highway intersection.

Ron G. asked for some discussion about the planned changes to the Harvest Springs Church on 36th Ave NE. Patty C. said it was a three-phase project. Patty invited the public to attend the Design Review Board meeting next Tuesday where the board will review the project. Patty stated she suggested the remodeling designer present the plans at a NC3 meeting before Tuesday's Design Review Board meeting, but no one responded. Various member of the audience took the opportunity to look at several paper copies of the remodeling plan provided to the Council by Patty. Kathy G. asked if the Church owns the lot next to where 12th St. NE will eventually be built because she noticed children waiting for the school bus on the current dirt road, which likely will get very muddy in the winter. Patty said she would check. Kathy said it would be nice to have the roadway graveled at least. Parking availability was a concern.

Johnathan K. moved to adjourn, Kathleen G. seconded, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2012 at 7 p.m. at Riverview School.

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Gessaman, NC3 Secretary.

The NC3 Board would like to thank Riverview School for providing a meeting place in their school.