

## **Minutes Neighborhood Council District 3 (NC3)**

**Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 7 PM**

**Music Room at Riverview School**

**Call to Order:** Kathleen (Kathy) Gessaman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council representatives present were: Cyndi Baker, Kathy Gessaman, and Terry Thompson. Absent: Steve Malicott. One council position was vacant. Possibly because of the rainy weather, citizen attendance was light.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- **Minutes:** Terry T. moved to accept the minutes of the May 7, 2015 Neighborhood Council District 3 (NC3) meeting; Cyndi B. seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Before the meeting, Richard Calsetta provided a letter of resignation via email to the council. Kathy G. read the email portion stating Richard reluctantly resigned due to family medical issues. Patty Cadwell, Neighborhood Council Coordinator, said the four remaining council members must appoint a replacement member. The NC3 Bylaws state: "Section 3 – Vacancies A. In the event of a vacancy on the Council, the remaining members shall appoint a person eligible to hold the position to fill the vacancy until the next general election."

- **Committee Reports:** None at this time.

- **Calumet Expansion Update:** Hadley Bedbury, Calumet Representative, reported that work on the refinery expansion is nearing completion - about 75% of the refinery equipment will be new. Hadley said the 120 ft emergency flare was installed about four weeks ago and the hazardous job of dismantling the huge tower crane was accomplished recently. Current plans call for the new crude unit to start up in about three or four weeks; other units will follow. The new hydrocracker unit will be the last to start up – probably in early January 2016. All the new units should be running in about three months. With construction winding up, fewer workers are parking in the former Westgate Mall area resulting in traffic reductions.

**New Business:** None at this time.

**Petitions and Communications:** None at this time.

### **Other Business:**

- **City Commission Candidates:** Seven candidates for Great Falls City Commission seats picked numbers out of a hat for their speaking order and mutually agreed to give four-minute presentations. Kathy G. read the NC3's Political Speaker Policy (adopted 4/2012) before the candidates' presentations started. Bill Bronson spoke first followed by Tracy Houck, Mike Truman, Brian Shepherd, Bob Kelly, Rick Tryon, and Brad Livingston. Candidates discussed their backgrounds and qualifications, presented their platforms, and took questions from the audience. After all the candidates had a chance to speak for four minutes (Cyndi B. operated the timer), a lively, civil, and lengthy discussion on a wide range of city-related topics ensued.

Agenda item for October 1, 2015 NC3 meeting: Appoint a new NC3 council representative.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. was accepted.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Gessaman, NC3 Chair