

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

**Call to order:** Kathleen G., Secretary, reported John S. was in the hospital recovering from pneumonia, and Lori F., Vice Chair, was unable to attend the meeting. A quorum was present. **Johnathan K. moved to appoint Ron G. as the acting Chair of the meeting, Kathleen G. seconded; the motion passed.** Ron G., Chair pro-tem, called the meeting to order at around 7:05 p.m.

**Council members and guest speakers present:** Kathleen Gessaman, Ron Gessaman, and Johnathan Kenneway. Patty Cadwell, Neighborhood and Youth Council Coordinator. Guest speakers: Officer Smail, Community Policing, Wendy Thomas, Planning and Community Development, Alicia Thompson, City-County Health Dept., Ellen Gauthier, Animal Foundation, Robin Baker, Candidate for Cascade County Commissioner. About eleven additional people attended the meeting.

**Minutes: Johnathan K. moved to accept the April 5, 2012 Neighborhood Council Three minutes; Kathleen G. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Delegate Reports:** Johnathan K. reviewed the two City Commission meetings he attended, April 17<sup>th</sup> and May 1st. Johnathan noted the City adopted the JLUS report coordinated by the County (via a Federal grant) and the 2012-2013 CDBG plan. More details can be found at <http://www.greatfallsmt.net/meetings>

Ron G. read from the Partnering for Parks press release, which reported the group has raised over \$40,000 for playground equipment in Skyline and Jaycee Parks - the goal is \$80,000.

**New Business:** Alicia Thompson with the City-County Health Department, spoke about Complete Streets. When a street is due for its scheduled maintenance, the Complete Streets system encourages communities to develop bike and pedestrian-friendly roadways. Alicia answered numerous questions from the audience. For more information on Complete Streets, attend an Open House on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Cameron Auditorium in the South Tower (Benefis Health System), or contact Alicia at [athompson@casadecountymt.gov](mailto:athompson@casadecountymt.gov).

Officer Smail, Community Policing, answered questions from the public and gave a report on the crime statistics for the NC3 area over the past two and a half months. Some of the statistics: 12 abandoned vehicles, 8 assaults, 1 DUI, 4 injury accidents, 24 accidents, 9 narcotics, 22 vandalism, 3 auto thief, 1 burglary, 164 traffic stops, many shoplifting incidents at WalMart, etc.

Wendy Thomas, Planning and Community Development, discussed some of the proposed amendments to the Land Use Development Code and answered questions. Some of the changes deal with making detached garages into office space, etc.; allowing community gardens in C-5 areas; and eliminating the policy that allowed developers of revitalized buildings that require more parking spaces to pay \$1000 for each needed parking spaces in lieu of providing the actual spaces.

Ellen Gauthier, Animal Foundation, passed out a handout with the plans for the new Margaret J. Maclean Animal Welfare Center. She said the building shell is approaching completion and the 13,000 sq ft shelter will have room for 200 cats and 100 dogs. Ellen said the community has generously supported the Animal

Foundation's fundraising efforts and, with continued community support, the shelter might be ready before the scheduled two-year completion date.

Robin Baker, a candidate for the Cascade County Commission, spoke about her background, education, and campaign platform.

**Johnathan K. moved to suspend NC3 meetings for the summer unless some issue of neighborhood importance comes up and needs to be addressed; September 6, 2012, would be the next NC3 meeting. Kathleen G. seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Issues of Neighborhood Concern:** Cleve Loney was concerned about the potholes in 6<sup>th</sup> St NE north of Smelter Ave before 6<sup>th</sup> St NE intersects with Skyline Ave. Johnathan said he would check into the issue, and Wendy Thomas volunteered to check with the Planning Dept. Kathleen G. suggested the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> St NE and Smelter Ave would be a good spot to install a traffic circle and use the Complete Street concept for the northern part of 6<sup>th</sup> St NE.

**Johnathan K. moved to adjourn, Kathleen G. seconded, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.** The next meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2012 at 7 p.m. at Riverview School.

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Gessaman, NC3 Secretary.

The NC3 Board appreciates the hospitality extended to the Council by Riverview School during the past school year. Thanks!