

**Minutes Neighborhood Council District 3 (NC3)**  
**Thursday, April 4, 2013**  
**Multi-Purpose Room**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** John Sturgeon, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Johnathan Kenneway was absent. A Council member quorum, consisting of John Sturgeon, Lori Fay, Kathleen Gessaman, and Ron Gessaman, was present. Audience attendees were: Patty Cadwell, C of GF Neighborhood and Youth Council Coordinator; Bob Moretti, Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS) Trustee; and six members of the public.

**Minutes:** John S. asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. **Ron G. moved to approve the March 7, 2013 minutes; Lori F. seconded.** There was no discussion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Unfinished Business:** Patty C. said the NC3 Bylaw changes were on the agenda by mistake

• **Committee Reports:** Ron G. volunteered to report on the City meetings since last month's NC3 meeting but just highlighting areas of potential interest to the NC3 area. At the March 19<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting: a contract for about \$54,000 was awarded for a bike and pedestrian path near Riverview School (Ron recalled the GFPS Trustees allocated \$50,000 for this a couple years ago); there was a public hearing about the City's parking program and the proposed changes all passed; public hearings for the usage of CDBG funds and for increasing public utility rates were set for the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting; and a \$9,940 nine-month contract with Woith Engineering to prepare plans for the reconstruction of 36<sup>th</sup> Ave NE from the Church Edition to the Bootlegger Trail was confirmed. At the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Commission meeting, public hearings on May 7<sup>th</sup> for annexation, zoning, and a final plat for the Northview Addition Phase 10 project and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for the Central Montana Agri-Tech Park (where the ADF steel manufacturing plant will go) were set. There were two Planning Board meetings in March. On March 12th, only 5 of 7 Board members present (two abstained) voted 4-1 in favor of recommending a PUD zoning for the Calumet Westgate site; the Board also approved TIF recommendations for the Central Montana Agri-Tech Park and the East Agri-Tech Park. At the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, Damon Carroll's revised Skyline Heights apartment complex hearing was vacated (it may come back in April or May) and the Great Bear Industrial Park, Phase II, subdivision and annexation was approved. Ron said he didn't attend the Police Advisory Board meeting. Minutes of City meetings can be found at <http://www.greatfallsmt.net/meetings>.

**New Business:** Bob Moretti, Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS) Trustee, introduced himself and addressed the school district's budget and needs for the future. Bob noted if Senate Bill 175 passed the school district would only need a levy of about \$750,000 for next year - otherwise a \$2,750,000 levy would be required. SB175 would use the resources of the State to help fund all the state's public schools. Jan Cahill, also a GFPS Trustee, who arrived about 10 minutes after the meeting started, offered additional details on how SB175 would help fund public schools. Bob and Jan stated that public support for a levy to maintain the excellence of the public schools in Great Falls is needed; they answered numerous questions from the public.

**Petitions and Communications:** Cheri Calsetta, 56 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE, expressed her concerns about vehicles left on the street in Riverview - especially vehicles on jacks where children play could around them. Cheri said she contacted the police after noticing children playing around a truck on jacks, but it took the police a month to follow up on. Patty C. suggested Cheri contact Officer Smail directly in the future.

**Ron G. moved to adjourn, Lori F seconded; the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.**

The next NC3 meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2013 at 7 p.m. at Riverview School.

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Gessaman, NC3 Secretary. Please note these minutes are not an exact record of what was said. The NC3 Board would like to thank Riverview School for providing a meeting spot for NC3 at the school.