

Minutes Neighborhood Council District 3 (NC3)
Thursday, October 3, 2013
Music Room, Riverview School
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: John Sturgeon, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Johnathan Kenneway and Lori F. were unable to attend. Those present were: Council members John Sturgeon, Kathleen Gessaman, and Ron Gessaman, a quorum; City representative Patty Cadwell (Neighborhood and Youth Council Coordinator); Calumet representative, Dexter Busby; and three members of the public.

Unfinished Business:

• **Minutes:** John S. asked for a motion to accept the last meeting's minutes. **Ron G. moved to approve the September 5, 2013 minutes; Kathleen G. seconded.** There was no discussion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

• **Committee Reports:** Ron G. mentioned that on Oct. 1st the City Commission passed (4-0) Resolution 10020, Ordinance 3108 and the Annexation Agreement pertaining to the annexation and rezoning (agricultural to R-5) of the Skyline Heights Apartments. Ron noted there was strong opposition from nearby neighbors and 51 people signed/submitted a new petition against the project due to safety and water issues. Bonnie Sturgeon (121 2nd St NW) asked if the possible drainage problem was resolved. Ron said preliminary plans call for an on-site retention pond with a 2.3-inch outflow orifice that will limit the flow of water from the pond down an underground pipe to 11th St NE; it was unclear who would keep the orifice unclogged over the lifetime of the complex. The minutes of the City meeting can be found at <http://www.greatfallsmt.net/meetings>.

New Business: Patty C. discussed the Declared Write-In process for the upcoming City election. Patty said people could still sign up (at no charge) to be a declared write-in for the Neighborhood Councils at the Election office in the County Courthouse Annex; the signup deadline is October 10th.

Petitions and Communications: Bob Gentry (201 35th Ave NE) discussed his Condo Association's concerns about inadequate lighting around the West Ridge condos. The group discussed different options including: putting in their own motion sensor lighting, working with NWEnergy to lease lights, creating a Special Improvement District with the City where the costs could be spread out over several years, etc. Patty suggested he contact Judy Berg at the City Fiscal Dept.; Judy works with developers on new lighting districts.

Tom Jacobsen, HD 25 Representative (521 Riverview Dr E), said HD 25 would change to HD 21 this January. Tom showed roughly where the new district lines would be on the NC3 map; HD 21 would still contain NC3.

Dexter Busby, Director of Government Affairs for Calumet, reported some of the refinery units have already restarted after the fall turnaround and the remaining units will be brought online over the next week or so.

Dexter and Tom, discussed tax policy for pollution control equipment and some of the strategy and schemes that go on in the Montana Legislature regarding tax issues; an interesting group discussion ensued.

Ron G. moved to adjourn, John S. seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next NC3 meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 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.