

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #6 MEETING – Sunnyside School Library
March 1, 2017

Council Members Present: Carl Donovan, Robin Baker, Julie Parker, Darrell Beauchamp, Cherry Loney
2 neighbors also attended along with Dave Nordel and Neil Fortier, speakers.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business:

Minutes of the January 4, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

Committee Reports:

Council of Councils: No report

Police Advisory: No report

Other: Julie reported we have \$20.00 from donations at the 2016 Ice Cream Social. The Council also discussed funds donated in memory of McRae McDonald's daughter for use at Sunnyside Park. The funds have not been used and per Patty, may be at a point where they must be used or reallocated. She will talk with the City Attorney about options. By verbal ballot, the Council voted unanimously that if not used within the required timeframe, the funds be protected for use by Neighborhood Council #6 for future disbursements. Patty will follow up.

Neighborhood Watch: Cherry and Julie provided an overview of plans for our table at the March 7 and 9 Sunnyside parent/teacher conferences. Our table will be manned by council members from 4 – 8 pm each evening. A schedule was developed and Cherry will email to everyone. We will discuss Neighborhood Watch with parents that stop and provide them an opportunity to complete the Neighborhood Watch application. All parents will be offered a refrigerator magnet with the number to call to report suspicious activity as well as an informational page about Council #6. Mr. Boyd, Sunnyside School Principal, will provide incentives for children whose parents stop at our table.

Report to City Commission: Cherry and Darrell provided an overview of the February 7 report to the City Commission. A brief summary of our activities was provided and we also asked the Commission to consider establishing a small budget for each council.

New Business:

Dave Nordel, Great Falls Emergency Manager, provided an overview of emergency services and preparedness activities along with handouts with helpful information about personal preparedness and Code Red, an emergency notification service.

Neil Fortier, NeighborWorks, Great Falls, provided an overview of the proposed Rockcross Commons apartment complex. Council members noted they are concerned about increased traffic volume and traffic flow problems in the NC #6 area that could compound existing problems. Mr. Nordel suggested emergency management personnel be included in discussions since the area will be served by a single fire station that is already overstretched and will be responsible for the new WalMart as well.

Neighborhood Concerns:

Anita Heppner, 1711 16th Ave. So., asked about the ordinance prohibiting parking RV's on private property and stated she thought property owners should be allowed to keep on RV on their property. Patty clarified it isn't actually prohibited although the ordinance requires that the RV fit on the property and parked on a pad. Patty said the ordinance is currently being rewritten and she will follow up with those drafting the revision to ensure clarity.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherry Loney, Secretary