

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #6 MEETING – Sunnyside School Library**  
**May 3, 2017**

Council Members Present: Carl Donovan, Robin Baker, Julie Parker, Darrell Beauchamp, Cherry Loney  
One neighbor also attended along with four students.

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

**Old Business:**

Minutes of the April 5, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

Committee Reports:

*Council of Councils:* No report

*Police Advisory:* Darrell reported Chief Bowen gave a “state of the union” address noting calls to GFPD are up across the board. Use of heroin has increased and meth had decreased, largely because heroin is cheaper. GFPD is reviewing the protocol for high speed chases. This sparked council discussion about a recent high speed chase in the Sunnyside area. Robin noted although Sunnyside was locked down, the middle school bus was dropping off kids before the area had been cleared.

*Neighborhood Watch:* Cherry and Julie discussed the need for all council members to update their call list so that Julie can finalize an updated list with member call assignments that includes new recruits. They also asked the council to determine what they want to do going forward. Members agreed to contact people on their respective lists regularly to stay in contact with Watchers and let them know about upcoming council meetings, education, etc. Follow up topics will be discussed at future council meetings beginning with notification of the June 7 Ice Cream Social.

*Ice Cream Social:* Julie will contact Carol Bronson about setting up the Neighborhood Watch table display at the June 7 social. Deb Pachek will bring a card table to set it on. Robin will contact Kayla Bokma, Sunnyside PTA President, about using the PTA’s Facebook page for additional notification of the ice cream social. Cherry will pick up supplies and make sure the school has flyers for Wednesday Envelopes, Julie will pick up ice cream, and Robin will provide canopies and coordinate with Pepsi on their sponsorship. Council members should arrive at 6 pm for setup.

**New Business:**

*Summer Meetings:* The council will not meet in July or August unless circumstances arise necessitating a meeting.

**Neighborhood Concerns:**

In follow up of the traffic issues on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave So and 14/15 Streets bordering the new Town Pump, Carl contacted the Montana Dept. of Transportation, Governor’s office, and Senator Carly Boland to assist with a resolution. At this time larger, more prominent signs are planned to provide traffic entering/exiting Town Pump more clarity on turning, one-ways, etc.

Darrell noted 21<sup>st</sup> Ave So. was left in a bit of a mess following completion of water/sewer infrastructure in the neighborhood. The road is rough with potholes, mud, and large rocks. Cherry suggested he contact the water/sewer district and possibly City of Great Falls and ask that the road be restored to a smooth surface. Julie will also mention at the upcoming Council of Councils meeting.

Julie noted parking at the new Teriyaki Madness, 1710 10<sup>th</sup> Ave So., is inadequate. Both employees and customers are parking in the adjoining residential area and blocking mailboxes. They are also using the parking lot at the facility that houses Big Mouth Barbecue and the UPS Store. She will bring this up at the Council of Councils meeting as well.

Cherry received a complaint from neighbors on Lower River Road regarding ditches along the road and the condition they are in following completion of drainage mitigation work completed there a few months ago. The ditches have not been restored leaving wide areas on both sides of the road that are filled with water and mud. People with ATV's are driving through the water and mud and making a mess. The complaint also included trees that were cut during the project are still lying in the ditches. Neighbors would like vegetation restored in the ditches and trees removed. Cherry will follow up with the City Engineering Dept.

Deb Pachek, 1900 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. So., praised GFPD for the responding officers' handling of her recent complaint about the neighbor threatening her dog. She has had only one problem since the officer spoke with the neighbor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherry Loney, Secretary