NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #6 MEETING – Sunnyside School Library May 2, 2018

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Darrell Beauchamp, Julie Parker, Allison Tangen, Joseph Moll, Cherry Loney

Also attending were Patty Cadwell; Officer Donnie Gerhart, GFPD; Joe Cik, Assistant City Attorney; four neighbors; and three students.

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

OLD BUSINESS: By verbal ballot, minutes of the April 4, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Police Advisory: No report.

MApril Cleanup: Cherry will pick up supplies for our team. We will meet at Sunnyside Park at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

Ice Cream Social: Patty said Robin Baker dropped off extra bowls, cups, spoons, etc. she was storing. Julie reported our council has \$37.00 in donations from the 2016 and 2017 socials. She will hang on to the funds until the council determines how to use and authorizes spending them. A motion was made and approved by unanimous verbal ballot to table further discussion about a 2018 social until the September meeting, at which time it will be considered under Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Community Policing Report: Officer Gerhart provided an update on crime activity within our area. In addition, he noted car thefts have increased in Great Falls over the past several months and are now averaging more than 20 per week. Thefts occur in all parts of town and any time of day or night. He cautioned against leaving keys in vehicles, even if you think they are hidden or concealed.

City Legal: Joe Cik, Assistant City Attorney, provided a quick review of the local government training recently held for all City-related boards, commissions, etc. and emphasized the importance of following procedure and state law relative to public meetings and public officials.

City County Health Department: Tanya Houston, Health Officer, was unable to attend but did provide a written overview of CCHD activities.

OTHER:

McRae McDonald, 1700 17th St. So., said she witnessed a drug deal near her home. Officer Gerhart told her to call GFPD to report any suspicious activity. He said there is a heroin and opioid epidemic in Great Falls, which contributes to drug trafficking. She also stated she had called about neighborhood garbage/rubbish, although was advised it is only a violation of city requirements if it is visible from the street.

Emma White, 1624 19th St. So., stated Deb Pacheck's neighbors threw items at Deb's house. Officer Gerhart advised to report these activities to GFPD when they occur.

The next regular council meeting is September 5. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,