NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #6 MEETING – Sunnyside School Library December 5, 2018

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Julie Parker, Joe Moll, Allison Tangen, Cherry Loney

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Darrell Beauchamp

Also attending were five neighbors; Chuck Anderson, Assistant City Manager; and Captain Dan Cherry along with Firefighters Ryan Martinez, and Joe Tinsley, Great Falls Fire and Rescue (GFFR).

OLD BUSINESS: Minutes of the November 7 were approved by unanimous verbal ballot.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

Council # 6 Planning: Cherry suggested the council needs a sense of purpose and that we brainstorm potential activities that align with neighborhood and community concerns and needs. There was general discussion of past activities such as educational offerings on gang activity and promoting/revitalizing Neighborhood Watch. Allison offered to invite input from GFHS counselors when she meets with them in a few days. Cherry will contact the school principal and PTA to see if they have any suggestions or activities we might potentially partner to implement. Others will ask their neighbors. All will report back at the January meeting. Cherry asked Chuck Anderson if the council has funds to support the costs of activities (advertising, minor refreshments, etc.). Chuck will check and get back to us at the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Chuck Anderson, Deputy City Manager, stated Patty Cadwell retired as of 12/15 and as they ponder a replacement, administration is looking a possibly revamping the job focusing on a communication specialist to ensure optimal communication to/from City of Great Falls administration. In the meantime, Chuck will attend NC meetings.

OTHER: GFFR firefighters provided an update on GFFR including a newly established paramedic training program that will provide the Department enhanced capacity to respond to medical emergencies. Through a partnership with GF College/MSU, eight firefighters will receive paramedic training with a goal of staffing at least one paramedic on every shift at every station.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS: Emma White, 1624 19th St. So., mentioned the police were at her neighbor's house again.

Joyce and John Ranum, 327 Hylande Drive, wanted to make the council aware of a recent spate of robberies in their neighborhood. Their pickup was stolen from their locked garage and later wrecked by the thieves. A neighbor's purse was stolen from her home while she was inside. The thieves were later apprehended and arrested. They are not sure how or why their neighborhood was targeted.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherry Loney, Secretary