

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #6 MEETING – Sunnyside School Library

January 2, 2019

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: None

Also attending were 3 neighbors and 2 students.

OLD BUSINESS: Minutes of the December 5, 2018 meeting were approved by unanimous verbal ballot.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

Council #6 Planning: The council agreed activities/events should be driven by neighborhood concerns and/or complaints. Cherry to contact Sunnyside School principal and PTA regarding needs and projects that we could potentially partner on. Allison will also ask Great Falls High School about their perception of needs within our area.

NEW BUSINESS:

Holiday Village Mall: Darrell will contact representatives from Holiday Village Mall to see if they will come to a council meeting and discuss planned changes with the mall facility and parking area.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:

Anthony Kelson, 2917 Upper River Road, provided an overview of the drainage problems and mitigation on Upper/Lower River Road. He cooperated with City officials during construction of the drainage system by allowing his property to be used as a staging area, a dumping place for excess dirt, and gave up ten feet of property to widen the road. In return, he was promised the City would reseed his property. Unfortunately, he was not consulted or advised of the type of vegetation until it was done. The seed used was cheatgrass, which is not what was there prior to the project. Previously, he kept grass down by allowing a neighbor to pasture horses on his property. However, cheatgrass is not suitable for horse consumption. Therefore, he now has no way to keep grass under control which, among other things, will cause a fire risk. It also will creep onto adjacent owners' properties and is an unwelcome vegetation. Anthony would like the situation remedied by removing the cheatgrass and revegetating with something acceptable. Cherry suggested following up with the Public Works Department to make sure they are aware of the situation and to request a plan for mitigating the problem. She and Anthony will follow up with Jim Reardon and/or Jim Young.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherry Loney, Secretary