

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #6 MEETING
February 1, 2012
Sunnyside School Music Room

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Robin Baker, Carl Donovan, Bonnie Haman, and Cherry Loney

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Nick Bourdeau

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Neighbors and guests wishing to speak were instructed to state their name and address prior to speaking.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Upper/Lower River Road: Two written updates were distributed. One was provided February 1 by Jim Young and the other was emailed to Nick Bourdeau from Dave Dobbs on January 31, 2012. Both updates are attached and included in the minutes.

Council of Councils: Carl Donovan reported on the January 25 meeting at which he provided updates on Upper/Lower River Road drainage issues as well as noise problems related to the 8 Ball Inn. He also noted there has been no progress on regulating parking for large vehicles.

OLD BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the January 4, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:

8-Ball Inn Noise/Vibrations: Carl noted both noise and traffic seems to have decreased in recent days.

Bylaws: By unanimous ballot, Section 7, Removal and Vacancies of Officers, was amended to read as follows:

- A. *Removal - An officer may be removed from his or her duties (as set forth in Section 5 - Officers and Duties) for good cause. Consideration of the removal shall be discussed at a prior meeting, shall require 4 votes, and the officer shall be given notice of said meeting. At the next subsequent meeting, removal of the officer shall be placed on the agenda, discussed by the Council and shall require 4 votes.*
- B. *Vacancies - In the event that a vacancy should occur on the Council because of death, resignation, illness or removal, candidates for the unfilled term shall be nominated from the Council members and elected at the next scheduled meeting following the vacancy. The person elected to the vacated office will serve for the remainder of the term.*

NEW BUSINESS:

By unanimous ballot, Robin Baker was reelected as representative to the Police Advisory Board.

Police Report: Officer Gange reported on noise control enforcement activities at the 8 Ball Inn and also provided a statistical overview of all PD responses in the Sunnyside area between 11/1/2011

and 1/31/2012. GFPD responded to 1502 calls, which included ambulance assists. He noted the responses included businesses on 10th Avenue South and overall, the number was quite reasonable and not out of the ordinary.

Pearson Addition Paving - Robin read a 1/6/2012 email from Nick Bourdeau (attached and included in minutes).

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:

Pearson Addition Paving:

Ty Loney, 125 Ellen Drive, stated he had talked with Nick Bourdeau after Nick met with Dave Dobbs in early January. It is Ty's current understanding the City will have additional information about six weeks from when Nick and Dave met, which should be mid March.

James Raines, 120 Marilyn Drive, stated he too is concerned about lack of progress on the SID and that he has contacted Jim Young approximately every 90 days since June 2009, with no results. He is concerned that other projects are given priority, particularly with the amount of time that has lapsed. At one point, he contacted the City Attorney for help and was told he could seek private counsel on the matter. Chairperson Baker asked Mr. Raines to write up a chronology of discussions with City staff for her.

Other:

Jerry Dolson, 1500 18th Ave. So., stated people are not paying attention to stop signs on school buses.

Emma White, 1624 19th St. So., stated motorists ignore marked crosswalks.

Officer Gange indicated GFPD would watch for both problems.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Patty Cadwell, City of Great Falls, relayed a call she had from the Mayor wondering why more Neighborhood Council members do not attend City Commission meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherry Loney, Secretary

Cherry Loney

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Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2012 8:17 AM
Subject: FW: South Great Falls storm drain update

This is the update which was promised by Dave Dobbs.
 We should make sure that this gets in the minutes.

Nick

From: David Dobbs [mailto:ddobbs@greatfallsmt.net]
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2012 4:03 PM
To: Nick Bourdeau (n.bourdeau@bresnan.net)
Cc: Jim Rearden; James Young
Subject: South Great Falls storm drain update

Good afternoon Nick. As you recall, a professional services contract was awarded to DOWL-HKM . To date, the following items have been done:

- Surveying is complete. The elevations checked out very closely. When we get into detailed design, some pick up surveying may be needed.
- The basins and numerous subbasins have been delineated.
- The model is being built, and is close to completion. A lot of the data has been input, although there is still some left to do. This includes preliminary work on the proposed pipelines (storm mains) and channels.
- Most of the existing easements have been identified. There are still a few we are looking for.
- Most of the plans for existing infrastructure have been gathered.

We will be having a meeting next week with the consultant. That should give us a clear idea of exactly where they are in the project, as well as giving them direction on how to proceed if that is needed.

Hopefully this is the type of information you need for Neighborhood Council!

Dave Dobbs

City Engineer

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Project Status and Schedule

For the

South Great Falls Storm Drainage Master Plan

Summary of project scope

DOWL HKM was given a notice to proceed for a master planning evaluation including three stormwater drainage basins located east of the Missouri River, south of 17th Avenue South and north of 40th Avenue South including the Prairie Ridge development. The project area is estimated at 1300 acres. The project includes background data collection of the available relevant data for the developed areas within the storm drainage basins, an engineering field evaluation to establish storm drainage patterns within the area, and site surveying to the extent necessary to establish construction survey control for future projects and to tie and verify the collected data, mapping and master planning survey.

The project includes general master planning level computer modeling of the defined basins sufficient to establish a general piping infrastructure plan that can be utilized as a basis for future construction level planning and project development.

Project deliverables include a preliminary report with discussion and exhibits of proposed alternatives and preliminary planning level cost estimates associated with the alternatives. After review of the proposed alternatives and a final alternative selection a final report including the planning level exhibits and a planning level construction cost estimate will be prepared. The reports will include summarized computer modeling data for the proposed alternatives and final alternative.

A public meeting will be conducted to obtain input from stakeholders and to provide an opportunity for comment and consideration prior to preparing the finalized document.

Project status as of February 1, 2012

DOWL HKM has completed all field survey requirements and mapping for the project. The computer modeling of the runoff from the various basins is underway and is approximately 75% complete at this time. The legal research to establish all existing public rights of ways and easements is also underway. The DOWL HKM team has met with City staff to provide a progress report and to gather additional input from the Engineering staff. DOWL HKM has received very limited input and comment from the residents of the area.

Projected project schedule

The preliminary report from DOWL HKM summarizing the storm drainage study and providing preliminary alternatives and recommendations will be complete in the month of March. Public meeting(s) to review the preliminary report findings and provide an opportunity for further public comment will be scheduled after the report is reviewed by City Staff. A final report incorporating the input from the public and City Staff will be published in Spring 2012. The output from the final report will include recommended phases of improvements and associated costs. The construction of those improvements will be the next phase of the project.

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Sent: Friday, January 06, 2012 11:14 AM
Subject: Report
Report to Neighborhood Council #6:

On 1/6/11 I spent considerable time talking with Dave Dobbs concerning the SID for the Pearson Addition. The SID would provide for the paving of roads and placement of sidewalks in the addition. He indicated that work was in progress on the project, but that other projects had taken priority. Essentially, I believe the project has been placed on the back burner because of heat from other, more critical, situations.

One of those situations is the flooding on the Upper River Road, and Dave Dobbs took considerable time to explain the current status of the project. The engineering firm engaged on the project has made considerable progress over the last few weeks in creating the computer modeling necessary to define the problem and the project. Essentially, the firm is building a computer program to describe the terrain and the fluid dynamics involved. Once this model or matrix is completed, the firm will be gathering site specific information from the area residents, and plug this information into the model. Gathering the site specific information before the modeling is complete is not logical or cost effective. Consequently, instead of asking the engineers to a Neighborhood Council meeting (which would be expensive), Dave suggested that a written progress report be made to the Council prior to the 2/1/12 meeting. It is anticipated that the report would give the project status as well as an idea of when input from the neighbors would be expected. I found Dave's suggestion logical and practical. Unless any of the other Council members have an objection, I think we should agree to it.

Jim Young is the lead engineer on both the Pearson Addition and the flooding. Dave Dobbs indicated that Jim should be left on the flooding project to insure that the engineers have everything they need during the next month. He also indicated that six weeks from now he will update me on the status of the Pearson Addition SID. Essentially, I believe Dave has agreed to advance the project to the next stage of a fairly complicated process. I will be following up.

Cherry Loney was contacted concerning the status of the flood project.

I tried to contact Tyler Loney (the neighbor asking for help on the Pearson Addition SID) without success. However, he has been given my contact information.

Nick