NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #6 MEETING April 4, 2012 Sunnyside School Music Room

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

Committee Reports:

Verde Park Committee: No report.

Old Business:

Minutes of the March 7 meeting were approved as written.

Upper/Lower River Road Drainage: Jim Reardon, Public Works Director along with Shawn Arthur, DOWL, HKM Engineering, provided an update on the master plan evaluation currently underway. The master plan includes the entire area and "full build-up" considering impact, needs, and options to serve the area at full development projections. Three drainage basins (north, middle, and south basins) that impact independently of each other have been identified. Jim and Shawn described the characteristics of each of the basins along with potential drainage solutions. They responded to numerous questions from neighborhood residents. In describing next steps, Jim and Shawn indicated they will need a few more weeks to continue their analysis of outflow options and relevant variables and when finished, will provide a follow up report to the Neighborhood Council (in approximately three (3) months per Jim Reardon). Since the Council does not typically meet during the summer months, a special meeting will be scheduled in late June or early July for the update report. Once the meeting is scheduled, the date and location will be published.

Pearson Addition SID: Jim Young, City of Great Falls Engineering Department, provided an overview of preliminary work done to determine the feasibility of creating an SID in the Pearson Addition. So far, residents have expressed interest in looking into creating an SID (petition that was circulated), and potential boundaries as well as cost estimates have been developed. This information was summarized in a handout along with the formal steps required to create an SID. Jim noted the decision of whether or not to create an SID is ultimately determined by the residents. He also noted the boundaries of an SID are determined by property owners (i.e. all or only part of the area can be included at the discretion of property owners). The formal process involves several steps including public informational meetings, a Resolution of Intention, and is ultimately voted on by property owners. There were several questions from neighborhood residents. Several signed up to work with City staff on the required process leading to a ballot determination by property owners (sign-up list was given to Patty Cadwell after the meeting so she could forward it to the Public Works Department).

Eight Ball Inn: There was no discussion or further noise complaints from neighbors.

New Business:

District Court Judge Candidate: Joe Sullivan, candidate for District Court Judge, provided an overview of his experience and qualifications along with why he is interested in serving as a judge.

Potholes: Martin Fleck, 132 Sharon Drive, expressed concerns about potholes and the poor condition of Upper River Road, particularly near Verde Park, the "S" curve, and on south toward the Pearson Addition.

City Clerk Lisa Kunz and City Attorney Jim Santoro provided an overview of Neighborhood Council protocol for Council members.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherry Loney, Secretary