

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #6 MEETING
October 2, 2013, Sunnyside School Library

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

Old Business: Minutes of the September 3, 2013, meeting were approved as written.

Council Vacancy: The City Commission has appointed Julie Parker, 1720 11th Ave. So. to Neighborhood Council 6 to fill the position vacated by Nick Bourdeau.

Committee Reports:

Police Advisory Board – Robin reported the Police Advisory Board met last month and toured the new Call Center. They plan to pilot use of the Center with one console and then bring on the others incrementally.

Council of Councils – There was no meeting and therefore, no report.

Upcoming Neighborhood Council elections: Robin noted there are still only 4 people who've filed to run for the 5 Neighborhood Council positions. The 5th position will be filled through the write-in mechanism.

Community Gardens Project: Robin provided an update on the Community Gardens project under development at the Aging Services facility (near the PEAK), which is still in the planning phase. Once plans and details are more concrete, the steering committee may want a letter of support from our Council.

Upper/Lower River Road Drainage Problem: At the November 6 meeting, Jim Reardon and Public Works staff will provide neighborhood residents an update on their efforts to mitigate the Upper/Lower River Road drainage problem.

Pearson Addition SID: Jim Reardon will convene the Pearson Addition SID work group to continue looking at if and to what extent there is interest in pursuing an SID.

New Business: None

Neighborhood Concerns:

Anita Heppner, 1711 16th Ave. So. said there is a need for Councils to be aware of issues that mutually affect one another to assure opportunities for shared input. An example is the large apartment complex planned near Centene. While it falls in the Council 5 area, traffic and other issues pertinent to development will affect residents living in the Council 6 area. Several members of Council 6 will attend the October 21 Council 5 meeting to participate in discussions on the apartment building.

Anita Heppner also mentioned increasing traffic and speeding on 17th St. between 13th and 17th Avenues, which endangers children from Sunnyside School and the neighborhood. This has been reported to GFD. Council members urged Anita and others living in the area to continue to report all episodes to GFD and ask for the Shift Commander if necessary.

Emma White, 1624 19th St. So., asked what is being built at the former BMX park just off of 23rd St. So. Patty will follow up with Planning/Community Development and let us know.

Emma also mentioned there has been an individual living in a camper in her neighborhood for several weeks. GFD was notified and has responded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherry Loney, Secretary