

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #6 MEETING  
December 4, 2013, Sunnyside School Library**

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Carl Donovan

There were seven neighborhood residents in attendance.

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

**Old Business:** Minutes of the November 5, 2013, meeting were approved as written.

Committee Reports:

Police Advisory Board – No report.

City Commission – No report.

Patty Cadwell reminded those in attendance that swearing in of Council members is scheduled for December 17 at 5:30 p.m.

**New Business:** Little Free Libraries: Kathy Mora, Director of Great Falls Public Library, gave an overview of “Little Free Libraries,” a new initiative to place receptacles for free book exchange in public parks. The Library hopes to place one in each Council area and has applied for a grant from Neighbor Works to assist with the cost of constructing the receptacles. Volunteers will build the containers and also check on books/receptacles weekly. Council members unanimously endorsed “Little Free Libraries” and placement of one in the #6 Council area. Julie Parker offered to be the volunteer steward in NC #6 area.

Community Garden: Sue O’Leary, RSVP, discussed the evolving Southside Garden planned for land just east of the Aging Services building near the PEAK. The land will be used to build a garden to provide fresh nutritious food for senior programs throughout the county. It will involve a large-scale raised bed garden complex and other amenities to enhance environmental health of the neighborhood. Sue and her group have also applied for a grant from Neighbor Works. Council members unanimously endorsed the Southside Garden as presented by Sue O’Leary.

Cary Annexation: Patty Cadwell provided information on the pending Cary Annexation at 321 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. So. Mr. Cary would like to build a home on the property. He has a well but will need to annex to the city for septic services. The Council unanimously endorsed annexation with the caveat that this is yet another example of irregular city/county boundaries resulting in land use issues and inconsistencies.

**Neighborhood Concerns:** Earl Salley, 1104 19<sup>th</sup> St. So. announced he is running for Legislative HD 23 as a Democrat and will be canvassing the neighborhood regarding his candidacy and to hear from residents.

Emma White, 1624 19<sup>th</sup> St. So., stated the individuals who moved into the residence at 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. So. between 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Street have a large truck used for tree trimming and she is concerned they are running a business out of their house. Robin advised her home businesses are permissible as long as properly licensed and permitted by the City of Great Falls.

Patty Cadwell noted write-in votes have not yet been tallied so we do not yet know who the fifth Council member is.

The next regular meeting will be February 5 unless something comes up necessitating a January meeting.

Council members thanked Bonnie for her service and noted they would miss working with her.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherry Loney, Secretary