

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #6 MEETING
April 2, 2014 Sunnyside School Library

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Robin Baker, Carl Donovan, Julie Parker, Darrell Beauchamp, 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 March 5, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

Verde Park Playground Equipment and Celebration: Carrie Kopy reported the old playground equipment at Verde Park has been removed and the new equipment will be installed as soon as the ground thaws. The Council made plans to hold an ice cream social at Verde Park to celebrate the new equipment when installed. Patty Cadwell will let us know when installation is complete so a date can be set. The event will be promoted via a press release, City of GF website, Neighborworks website, KRTV community calendar, etc. when the date is final. The Council will provide refreshments and music.

Police Advisory Board: Darrell said an overview and update of police activities was provided at the last advisory board meeting. GFPD is noticing an uptick in meth and prescription drug abuse. They are planning to purchase additional cars for officers through their approved budget rather than asking for additional funding.

New Business:

NeighborWorks Great Falls: Carrie Kopy provided an update on NeighborWorks stressing their accomplishments in community improvements and increasing home ownership. She discussed their leadership program and neighborhood projects that were funded through small grants from NeighborWorks. Carrie also discussed the upcoming MApril Cleanup scheduled for April 26 and May 3.

School Levy: Stu Nicholson, #4 Volk Terrace, provided an overview of the proposed school levy detailing intended use of the funds, and asked those in attendance to support it. Emma White, 1624 19th Ave So., stated it is difficult for those on fixed incomes to manage increased taxes. She stated the “gambling tax” was promoted as a way to help fund schools but has since been put into the state general fund. She noted this should be investigated as a way to help with school funding.

NC #6 By-Laws Amendment: As suggested by the City Attorney, the Council unanimously approved amending the by-laws as follows:

Section 10 – Relationship with City Staff – A. ~~The Community Development Department has been designated as the department to provide the Neighborhood Council Liaison function. The assistance requested of the City Staff, through the Community Development Department is:~~ The Neighborhood Council Coordinator, under the supervision of the City Manager, has been designated as the department representative to provide the Neighborhood Council liaison function. The Council’s assistance requested of Neighborhood Council Coordinator is:...

The amended by-laws were dated and signed by each Council member.

Neighborhood Watch Training: Robin noted there will be a training session at NeighborWorks on April 22 from 5:30 – 7:00 and asked us to attend.

Letter of Support for Southside Gardens: The Council unanimously approved Robin to submit a letter of support for Southside Garden’s request for funding from United Way.

Other Business:

Upper River Road MApril Cleanup: Cherry will coordinate MApril Cleanup activities on Upper River Road. Council members will help neighborhood residents with cleanup. A press release will be issued along with other outreach efforts to let neighborhood members know they can contact Cherry for information, garbage bags, and safety vests.

Citizen Request through Citizen Support Center: Jackie Brown submitted a request through the online Citizen Support Center regarding a solution to parking issues on 20th St. So. Patty will ask Jerry McKinley, Street Department, to address the complaint at the May meeting.

Upper/Lower River Road Drainage: Cherry said she had talked with Jim Reardon about providing an update on the U/L River Road drainage problem at the May meeting. Patty will confirm with him.

June Meeting: The Council hopes to meet in June and possibly through the summer. Patty will confirm availability of Sunnyside School for a June meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherry Loney, Secretary