

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #6 MEETING
January 4, 2017

Council Members Present: Carl Donovan, Robin Baker, Julie Parker, Darrell Beauchamp, Cherry Loney

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

Old Business:

Minutes of the December 7, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

Committee Reports:

Council of Councils: Julie provided an overview of the Council of Councils meeting including status of the Holman Building and efforts by the Building Active Communities Initiative (BACI) to resolve the issue. BACI 's focus is visual improvements in communities and is funded by grants. She also noted the City Attorney will be working on updated procedures for Neighborhood Councils.

Neighborhood Watch: Cherry discussed the December 13 meeting with Sunnyside PTA . They are amenable to working with us to move Neighborhood Watch forward. Principal Boyd suggested a table at the upcoming parent/teacher conferences scheduled for March. He will work with Cherry to provide an incentive for parents to stop by. Darrell suggested a simple form (I'm interested – yes/no) for use at the table. Cherry will prepare talking points (30 second "elevator speech") and materials for next month's meeting. Robin will provide examples of our Council's success stories. Cherry, Darrell, and Julie discussed concerns expressed by a few PTA members about efforts to contact GFPD/resolve neighborhood concerns in the past and their disappointment in GFPD's response. Officer Gerhart offered to visit directly with the PTA President to gain a better understanding of concerns and follow up/explain. Cherry will contact Kayla Bokma with Officer Gerhart's phone number.

New Business:

Election of Officers: By unanimous verbal ballot, the officers/representatives were elected as follows:

Carl Donovan –Chairperson	Julie Parker - Council of Councils Representative
Robin Baker – Vice Chairperson	Darrell Beauchamp – Police Advisory Board Representative
Cherry Loney – Secretary	

Community Policing Report: Officer Gerhart provided updated crime stats for our area noting auto thefts are up city-wide, largely due to keys left in vehicles either from warming up cars in cold weather or leaving an extra set in the car. He also noted burglaries in our area are down although reports of suspicious activities are up – there could be correlation. Cherry stated this is an example of neighborhood vigilance and demonstrates the potential impact of Neighborhood Watch.

Neighborhood Concerns:

Emma White, 1624 19th St. So. noted speeding is a problem on 16th Ave So. to 20th St. and Robin Baker stated 24th Ave So. needs more speeding enforcement. Officer Gerhart will follow up on both concerns.

Patty Cadwell stated the City Commission would again like to offer an opportunity for Councils to meet with them and provide a report of Council activity. Our Council will attend the February 7, 2017 work session scheduled for 5:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherry Loney, Secretary