

Neighborhood Council 7

May 12, 2014

Whittier School Gymnasium, 7pm

Council Members in attendance were Tracy Houck, Amber Gardner, Jim Super and Trevor Mikkelsen. Dona Stebbins has resigned her position on Council 7. Patty Cadwell Neighborhood Council Coordinator was present as well.

7:03 p.m. Chairperson Tracy Houck called the meeting to order and Trevor Mikkelsen led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of 4/14/14 Meeting moved to be accepted by Amber, seconded by Jim, approved.

Old Business:

New Business:

Neighborhood Watch

First presentation by Carol Bronson. Carol spoke about a meeting tomorrow Tuesday May 13 at 5:30PM at 509 1st Ave S meeting on security in conjunction with Business Watch. If interested in Neighborhood Watch please fill out an application (green paper) and return to Amber or Tracy. The whole basis is just to get to know your neighbors so that watch program can be implemented.

Next speaker was Bryan Slavik, 27 year veteran with GFPD. Bryan discussed community policing and the role neighborhood watch can play in community security and protection. Simple things like not leaving bikes on the front lawn, turning on lights, locking doors are all good practices to thwart problems and improve community security.

Next up was Eric Bray from Neighborhood Council 5. Eric encouraged NC7 to take the lead on nurturing Neighborhood Watch in our council area. It will only happen if effort is made and we start, talk will only be talk.

Our next speaker was Ryan Clark principal of Whittier Elementary. He spoke on save and secure school protocols and how it was recently used at Sunnyside and how it has been used at Whittier. He discussed historic evacuations and newer lock down procedures such as shelter in place, class hold and release with care. Ryan discussed the role of the school councilors in providing lessons in keeping kids safe, such as good touch/bad touch, bully proofing. Ryan talked about the role of the School Resource Officers and how they support safe kids in the schools. Cameras installed to supervise the playground are a target for vandalism. Ryan reported only one broken window in the past three years.

Dona Stebbins Resignation:

Motion by Amber seconded by Jim to accept Dona Stebbins resignation for Neighborhood Council 7, motion approved.

Neighborhood concerns:

Robin Castle 700 3rd Ave N raised concern about the house at 213 7th St. It has been abandoned for over 15 years. There have been numerous issues with broken windows and unsecure locks over the years.

Larry Blazavich discussed the same issues with properties adjacent to the ones he owns in the neighborhood.

It was suggested that we have a representative from the city speak to this issue during our July meeting.

Committee Reports:

No committee reports were presented this month.

Amber moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Jim. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 by Tracy.

June Agenda:

Next meeting will be Monday June 9. Topics to be discussed will be Little Library, Bylaws review and Emerald Ash Beetle preparedness.