

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #6 MEETING
May 7, 2014 Sunnyside School Library

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Robin Baker, Carl Donovan, Julie Parker, Darrell Beauchamp, and Cherry Loney

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

Old Business:

Minutes of the April 2, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

Committee Reports: None

New Business:

Community Policing Update: Michael Cronin says he has no information to report.

20th Street South Parking: Jerry McKinley, City Traffic Division provided an overview of the suggestion provided by Jackie Brown via Citizen Request online tracking system. Ms. Brown suggested moving the yellow center line on 20th Street a few inches to the east to provide more parking space on the west side of the street. Cars rarely park on the east side but the west side of the street has heavy parking where cars often have two wheels on the sidewalk to stay out of the way of traffic. Mr. McKinley says the “fix” is doable and involves grinding off the existing center line, moving it, and restricting parking on the east side of the street. Neighborhood Council #6 unanimously recommended moving the center line and restricting parking on the east side of the street. Mr. McKinley will also consult with UGF and Neighborhood Council #5, since the east side of the street is the southern boundary of the Council #5 area.

Upper/Lower River Road Drainage Update: Jim Reardon, Jim Young, Dave Dobbs, City of Great Falls and Shawn Arthur, HKM Engineering, provided an update on the drainage mitigation project. The detention pond on 20th Ave. So. has been tripled in size to accommodate a higher volume of stormwater runoff and retard drainage to the west and Upper River Road. Easements from property owners are essentially resolved and information has been submitted to BNSF for the permit for drainage infrastructure. All applicable governmental agencies have been contacted regarding permits since there are numerous outflows into the river. City personnel do not anticipate any issues with these governmental agencies. They anticipate starting construction in the fall of 2014.

Pearson Addition SID Status: City personnel held a meeting last week with the committee representing property owners (although only one member was in attendance due to short notice and schedule conflicts). They want to review costs with a pared down SID that will include curbs, gutters, paving, and storm drains. Boundaries of the SID include Marillyn, Ellen, and Marly Drive. To proceed, a new petition signed by at least 51% of property owners in the affected area will be needed. James Raines, 120 Marillyn Drive, will follow up with Jim Young.

Legislative Candidates: Earl Salley, Democratic candidate for HD 23, Jack King, Democratic candidate for HD 23, and Mary Moe, Democratic candidate for Senate each gave an overview of their backgrounds, interests in serving in the Montana Legislature, and what they hope to accomplish.

Other Business:

June Meeting: By unanimous ballot, the Council voted to hold the June 4 meeting at 7:00 pm at Verde Park to celebrate completion of the new playground equipment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherry Loney, Secretary