NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #6 MEETING February 3, 2016

Council Members Present: Carol Donovan, Julie Parker, Cherry Loney, Darrell Beauchamp

Council Members Absent: Robin Baker

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were several neighborhood residents, City Commissioner Fred Burrows, and one high school student.

Old Business:

Minutes of the January 6, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Committee Reports:

Neighborhood Watch: Carol Bronson noted 16 people in our area have signed up for Neighborhood Watch, although the program is fairly inactive. A discussion ensued about how to reinvigorate Neighborhood Watch. The Council agreed to hold another public information meeting/event regarding the overall purpose as well as to give interested participants tools they need to actively implement. Julie Parker and Cherry Loney were appointed to a subcommittee to plan the event. They will bring plans to the Council at the February meeting.

Upper/Lower River Drainage: This is essentially unchanged from the previous meeting when Cherry reported city staff members are finalizing the last easement and expect to bid the project in early winter with construction completed in the spring as soon as weather permits.

New Business:

Community Policing: Officer Donnie Gerhart introduced himself as the new GFPD representative to Neighborhood Council #6. He provided an overview of police activity in the area for the last quarter. Speeding is the most prevalent violation. If helpful and if approved by GFPD, Officer Gerhart will assist with the Neighborhood Watch event.

Park Master Plan: Jana Cooper, TD & H Engineering provided information on the process for updating the City Park and Recreation Department's Master Plan including an overview of the process, the group's desire for community input and analysis, and that the plan with recommendations should be completed by August or September. It will be part of the city's overall Growth Policy and Plan.

Other Business: Carl said he'd received calls about dog feces in Verde Park as well as dogs running loose. The Council suggested signage might be helpful along with neighbors observing unattended dogs to report to Animal Control.

A petition regarding the Holman Building and code enforcement was circulated so those interested in signing could do so.

Neighborhood Concerns: There were no neighborhood concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherry Loney, Secretary