

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #6 MEETING
October 5, 2016

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

Council Members Absent: Julie Parker

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

Old Business:

Minutes of the May 4, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

Neighborhood Watch – Future Plans: The council discussed the status of re-establishing Neighborhood Watch in the Sunnyside area noting it hasn't gained the level of traction originally anticipated and discussed possible next steps. They also noted the typical structure of block captains and watchers may not be the right fit for our neighborhood and we need to be flexible. Our signup list is not accurate and is incomplete. Cherry stated Julie is working on updating the list with Neighbor Works. Finally, the council determined it would be beneficial to approach the Sunnyside PTA to share our progress and explore their interest in partnering with us to increase awareness and help recruit watchers. Cherry will contact the PTA President and let the council know if they are amenable to us attending an upcoming meeting along with potential dates.

Committee Reports:

Police Advisory: Darrell reported they've suspended the K9 unit, at least for now and also discussed their use of the DDACTS program for officer assignment and patrol activities. On behalf of the Council, Darrell also expressed a big "Thank You" to GFPD for the excellent work they do in keeping our community safe.

Upper/Lower River Drainage Mitigation: Cherry reported a contractor has been selected and work has begun on the mitigation project. The contract provides 180 days in which to finish the work. If winter weather interferes with their ability to work, they will finish the 180-day construction period in the spring.

New Business:

Community Policing Report: Officer Dan Gerhart provided an update on crime statistics in the Sunnyside area along with policing activities. Due to computer issues, he was not able to print the stats but reported the area was fairly low key over the summer with no violent crimes. He stated GFPD is currently establishing a strong baseline on crime, traffic violations, etc. using the DDACTS program. This provides a basis to identify "hot spots" and assign officers strategically in highest need neighborhoods.

Other Business:

County Commissioner Joe Briggs discussed his accomplishments as a county commissioner along with why he is seeking another term and asked for the support of those in attendance.

The council discussed Council #5's special meeting last week regarding the proposed new apartment complex for lower income residents to be located on a 10-acre complex between the Border Patrol Office and Talus Apts.

Neighborhood Concerns:

Jamie Livingston, 274 16th Ave. So., asked for clarification on the speed limit on 4th Street, noting there is a particular problem at 16th Ave So. with people speeding. Signage is poor and she is concerned about the safety of children, people walking, etc. Officer Gerhart said he would look into it and also request increased surveillance in the area. Complaints can be made by calling 455-8501, a direct line to the front desk at GFPD. Robin Baker also noted people speed when turning onto 10th Ave. So. from 4th St.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherry Loney, Secretary