

Village of Wesley Chapel

Approved Safety Committee Minutes

October 1, 2014

In Attendance: Tess Morris, Becky Plyler, Chauncey Bowers, Hank Pressley, Marty Kohlmeier and Carol Mullis

Absent: Jim Dale, Karl Schneeberger

With a quorum present the meeting was called to order @ 7:05pm by the Chair, Tess Morris.

Hank Pressley turned in unapproved minutes for review and correction. Motion to approve offered by Chauncey Bowers and seconded by Marty Kohlmeier.

Tess opened discussion on the success of NNO even without the no show of McDonalds and Chick Fil A. Committee members were very pleased with the community turn out as well as the large presence from the UC Sheriffs Office. A special thanks to the Wesley Chapel Optimist Club for its presence and for providing food and water to the event. Consideration and planning will be given to the posting of additional notices in commercial venues, notifying local elementary, middle and high schools and to the use of electronic media for next years event.

Target is no longer the sponsor of NNO. A short discussion was held about the possibility of holding it @ the Town Hall. This is something that we will talk about in the future.

Tess read an email received from Jeannine Kenary . Tess advised the members that she had already responded by email to the questions and concerns raised by Ms. Kenary. This email was apparently prompted by an incident that occurred in Ms. Kenary's neighborhood. It was not well received by the Committee members. The consensus of the members was that the Safety Committee minutes over the past several years provide a wealth of information and concerns on the topics expressed by Ms. Kenary and anyone else if they had chosen to read them.

There was some discussion about reaching out to Cody Luke (UCSO) to inquire about a more comprehensive breakdown on the Village deputy's work. The report that we see each month is very stark in nature. This has been a Safety Committee concern for some time and those concerns have been previously raised. There is no amount of time shown spent on each offense, no time of day shown that the offenses occurred or even where they occurred. Considering the deputy only works days and

evenings, no weekends, we can assume that they were committed sometime between 7:00am and 11:00pm Monday through Friday. Obviously this report does not give the Committee the information it needs. As stated, requests for a more comprehensive and informative report have been previously requested but we continue to receive the same report month after month.

Tess informed the group that Karl Schneeburger had tendered his resignation. Karl, as most of the members, is extremely frustrated by the lack of Council support. Tess also informed the group that she was resigning due to health concerns but also with her increasing frustration. There was some consideration that she could stay on as a co-chair with Jim Dale but was only in the discussion stage.

The discussion then centered on the usefulness of this committee and the belief that our stated goals could never be met. The consensus of the group- we feel the recommendations made by this committee have not been given serious consideration, if at all, by Council. A question was asked, to send a message to Council, would present members consider resigning in whole and dissolving the current Safety Committee? After some frank discussion it was unanimously agreed upon. A motion was made by Carol Mullis- "The Safety Committee has been unable to succeed @ its mission nor complete its stated goals due to barriers created by Council. Thereby this Safety Committee is dissolved".

This motion was unanimously agreed upon.

A motion to adjourn was made by Hank Pressley @ 8:37pm and seconded by Marty Kohlmeier.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Kohlmeier