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VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL
SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
7:00 PM, OCTOBER 12, 2006
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The Safety Committee of the Village of Wesley Chapel, North Carolina, met in the Fellowship Hall of the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church at 120 Potter Road South, Wesley Chapel, North Carolina, with Councilman Brad Horvath presiding.

Present: Councilman Brad Horvath, Mayor Tracey Clinton, Committee Members Allison Maher, Bill Moran, Tessie Morris, Hank Pressley, Bryan Raughley, John Stoehr, Jennifer Viohl

Absent:

Others Present: Village Clerk/Tax Collector – Sarah Honeycutt

Visitors Present:

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM and a quorum was present.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Clinton welcomed the Safety Committee and expressed her thanks for their volunteering. Mayor Clinton had to leave for another engagement and Councilman Horvath continued the meeting. Councilman Horvath stated the information from the Safety Committee would be used to share with the Master Plan Committee. There could be a survey published in the newsletter in late January and it was important to have information sharing first. The survey could also be in February. Horvath stated the Council has a yearly planning meeting and would like to use the information from the survey. He said each person on the committee has expertise and life experiences that could be used. Horvath stated the meetings of the committee need to be set and they could schedule how they want to meet, if quarterly or once a month. He would like to see a presentation made at a Council meeting in their efforts to see what they can do. It is also possible for the Committee to have sub-committees to help. Each committee member gave an introduction and what they would like to see.

2. DISCUSS ROLE OF SECRETARY AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT

This was discussed at the end of the Committee meeting before adjournment.

3. DISCUSS COMMITTEE FUNCTION

After Horvath introduced himself, he spoke of safety concern for all residents and the inevitable crime that comes with growth. Is there a way to discourage the

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crime or at least push it somewhere else? Horvath stated there is a meeting planned with Mahan's husband to propose safety for the Village at a middle grade pay. He would like to see if the Sheriff entertains Safety move and make things a little better without raising the cost to people. There has been petty crime and the group could possibly discourage that and encourage improvements. Horvath suggested more standardized mail boxes so you can read the numbers and trailers with numbers at the schools. There are steps that can be taken to make things better. When asked about the roads, Horvath stated that Mayor Clinton had some contacts with NCDOT and they have come and spoken with the Council.

4. DISCUSS FUTURE MEETING DATES

Horvath reminded the Committee of the Open Meetings Laws and the meetings must take place in a public place and the meetings must be posted in advance. The committee would need to decide the day and time. (The day and time was decided before adjournment.)

5. OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee agreed the minutes would be thru a rotating secretary where everyone would take part. Horvath was asked about the Fire Protection Study of the town and if it needed to include the area of consideration? Horvath replied to look at it as a whole and use the citizen report and evaluate what the Village needs. This dialog would be used to tie into the Master Plan Committee and hopefully the Committee would have a draft by December. Horvath stated the Committee could have a feedback of ideas, but the motions and decisions have to be here in open meetings. The Committee decided one priority was school safety and there should be a survey of this. It was stated that school safety could be joint with a fire safety study and the example was given on school trailers not having numbers that could easily be ID. It was suggested the County safety manager that covers the schools could come and talk to the Committee. The Committee agreed to Moran and Raughley working on a fire survey and Viohl, Maher, and Stoehr could work on the School survey. Horvath suggested starting work in phases and he had spoken with Sean Maher about general Wesley Chapel safety. He stated that he and Maher would speak with the Sheriff in a more formal meeting and get his view and take on this subject. The Village of Wesley Chapel would need at least 2 deputies and maybe they could look at the retired police in the area as a go between. It was also suggested that they carry AEDs and the Village could look at the overall cost and alternatives. The Committee agreed to bring 3 questions next time for the survey and try to take this to Council to see about any costs for the survey. Horvath stated the budget for each year is March or April and maybe there would be feedback by February from the survey so the Council could possibly allocate funds for a budget. Horvath stated the Committee could have a link on the new website and possibly the Welcome Committee could give information the Safety Committee recommended in their Welcome packets. Eventually safety alerts could also be on the website. Horvath also said that Waxhaw has a Master Plan, Mineral Springs went thru a Master Plan and Weddington has public safety. Maybe there is a possibility to come together as a group and include Marvin as well to share resources, successes, etc. The Fire department contacts are mostly managed thru

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individuals and possibly they could unite the fire departments thru the study. Right now, interactions are thru the chiefs. The Committee agreed to meet every third Thursday at 7:00 PM and the next meeting will be November 16th. The Committee will outline a study/survey and the minutes would be alphabetically done by last name.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Viohl and seconded by Moran. Motion passed unanimously and meeting was adjourned at 8:18.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Honeycutt
Village Clerk/Tax Collector

Councilman Brad Horvath