

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL  
SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
7:00 PM, JANUARY 11, 2007

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 Horath presiding.

**Attendance**

Present: Councilman Brad Horvath, Committee Members Allison Maher, Bill Moran, Hank Pressley, Bryan Raughley, and John Stoehr.

Absent: Tessie Morris and Jennifer Viohl.

**Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM and a quorum was present.

1. Motion was made by Stoehr and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pressley to approved the November meeting minutes. Motion was approved.
2. Chairman Bryan Raughley renewed the discussion to adopt a mission statement for the Safety Committee. The proposed mission statement was introduced at the November meeting. Chairman Raughley read the mission statement for the committee:

**Mission Statement**

The role of the Safety Committee is to serve as a public safety policy advisor for the Town Council. The mission of the Committee is to identify, evaluate, educate, and offer alternatives to current and future public safety issues that impact the Town's citizens. Public safety issues may include, but are not limited to:

- § law enforcement, fire protection, and emergency medical services;
- § life safety in public buildings;
- § emergency management and disaster preparedness;
- § school children safety;
- § public health; and
- § attractive nuisances.

The Committee will utilize nationally recognized standards and safety practices, credible research and analysis, model codes and ordinances, and progressive public safety ordinances from other jurisdictions as the basis of its evaluation and policy recommendations.

The secondary role of the Safety Committee is to communicate public safety awareness information to the Town Council, the citizens, and other public safety groups from neighboring jurisdictions.

Pressley made a motion to accept the mission statement. Maher 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion approved.

3. Councilman Brad Horvath informed the committee that the Council would like an update on committee activities. Chairman Raughley will work with Councilman Horvath to determine when this will take place.
4. As a result of the fatal fire in Hemby Bridge, it is important for the committee to evaluate the contributing factors and determine how to mitigate those factors in the Wesley Chapel area. Raughley and Moran gave a

presentation on the basics of fire protection. The presentation covered why and how fire spreads and basic building construction found in the Wesley Chapel area. Also covered were the National Fire Protection Association Standards for emergency response which included recommended response times compared to local averages. Raughley suggested that the committee and the board at the Wesley Chapel Volunteer Fire Department open a dialog to discuss how we can reach the national standards and what resources from the town could help. (Anyone my request a copy of the full presentation.)

5. Law Enforcement update was provided by Maher. Discussions continue about ways to improve visibility from security/law enforcement.
6. Stroehr spoke to the future chairman of the Weddington Safety Committee. Weddington's chairman will be appointed to the chair shortly. At that time, Wesley Chapel and Weddington committees will has discussions and share ideas.
7. Februrary 8, 2007, is the next meeting of the Safety Committee.
8. Stoehr made the motion to adjourn. Maher 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Meeting adjorned at 8:45 PM.