

APPROVED
Village of Wesley Chapel
Safety Committee Minutes

May 14, 2009

The Safety Committee met in the Fellowship Hall of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church at 120 Potter Road South, Wesley Chapel, North Carolina. Councilman Brad Horvath presided.

Attendance: Councilman Brad Horvath, Tessie Morris, John Stoehr, Andy Combs and Karl Schneeberger. Absent: Mike Jensen and Hank Pressley.

Guests: Carol Mullis and officers Margaret Derenge and AJ Mainero of the Union County sheriff's office.

Minutes:

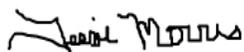
1. With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:04pm.
2. Tessie Morris introduced 14-year Wesley Chapel resident Andy Combs as the newest member of the Safety Committee. Brad gave a brief explanation of the history and purpose of the Safety Committee.
3. There was a special note of thanks extended to the Town Council for publishing Safety Committee information in the town newsletter.
4. Tessie Morris attended the Wesley Chapel annual planning meeting.
5. Brad Horvath commented on the annual planning meeting which had 16 people in attendance. There was good discussion at the meeting with equally good feedback. Among those items discussed were the planning board discussions about ordinances; the revamping/updating of the village website; Wesley Chapel has the lowest tax rate in the area and a special note of thanks to Jim Mullis for putting the village sign in front of the current town hall. Specific to the Safety Committee, the following items were recapped by Brad:
 - a) The gun range and its status with regard to Wesley Chapel. No special permit was required before Wesley Chapel was a village. The claim put forward contends the range is covered by the Sport Shooting Range law of 1997.
 - b) Possible Town/Community Center for our residents and government to use. The village is looking at locations on which to erect buildings to help establish a town identity.
 - c) Road connectivity through/with Wesley Chapel. Brad discussed the road planning being done through MUMPO. There is joint agreement to spend \$200,000 for a

consultant to review the roads in the area. Highway 84 has been scheduled to become a four lane road for approximately 30 years.

6. Officers Margaret Derenge and AJ Mainero provided an informative presentation about neighborhood watches. There is a split in responsibilities for the sheriff's department in east versus west in the County. The department will begin parking patrol cars in neighborhoods and using bike patrols. It was also noted that there are no more non-emergency numbers; everything goes through 911. The officers discussed the availability of themselves and others for summer programs such as bicycle rodeos and kid's safety as well as presentations for home owner associations and neighborhoods. Margaret commented that the success of any neighborhood safety program requires home owner diligence.
7. Update on the volunteer firehouse on Waxhaw-Indian Trail Road. A public hearing for conditional use permitting would be conducted on May 19th at 7:00pm in Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.
8. Tessie and John provided an update on the crime statistics discussed at the February meeting, clarifying the difference between the Union County Sheriff's Department statistics and the 911 call center statistics. The call center logs all calls; the sheriff's department only those which are actual incidents. The committee needs to review the current data and re-evaluate the statistics.
9. Review of e-mails received from concerned residents.
10. Discussed an updated relay list of names. Only one e-mail response was received from the newsletter. There is a need for a contact person in the subdivisions, which can be a safety coordinator or the president of the neighborhood Home Owners Association.
11. The return on the safety committee flyers was discussed in relation to the overall cost. It was decided that we would not move forward with flyers in the future. Rather, it is felt we should do something related to safety for the village residents in conjunction with National Night Out, which is the second Tuesday in August.
12. The committee approved the minutes of the February 12th meeting.
13. The next meeting is scheduled for August 13th, 2009.
14. Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl R. Schneeberger
Recording Member



Tessie Morris
Chairperson, Safety Committee