

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL
SAFETY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 7th, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.
6490 Weddington Road, Wesley Chapel, N.C. 28104

Committee Members Present: Chair; Jim Dale, Marty Kohlmeier, Tessie Morris, and Chauncey Bowers (arrived at 7:25 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent: Carol Mullis

Staff: Administrative Assistant; Lynell Hillhouse

CALL TO ORDER/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 7: 08p.m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gayla Adams was present to introduce Mike Smith who was giving a Crime Alert presentation in the New Business portion of the meeting.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND/OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Kohlmeier made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented; Ms. Morris seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE 2/1/2016 REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Kohlmeier made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2/1/2016 regular meeting; Ms. Morris seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Dale announced to the committee that Committee Member Mullis is no longer serving on the safety committee.

CHURCH REPORT

Ms. Morris reported to the committee she had drafted letters and was getting ready to mail them to each church. She was still awaiting responses from her initial contact with both Southbrook and Siler Church.

Chair Dale suggested a meeting with the church pastors as soon as possible to start building a plan for the NNO event.

BUSINESS REPORT

Mr. Kohlmeier has email information ready but stated he feels it is too early to contact businesses but will be contacting Target sooner rather than later. Chair Dale reminded Mr. Kohlmeier that PetSmart had requested to be more involved at this year's event.

AED & HOA REPORTS

Mr. Bowers stated to the committee he is looking forward to reaching out and attending HOA meetings in the near future.

CONSOLIDATED COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Dale did meet with the Youth Council Committee Chair, Cody Ketchum, and is still trying to organize a time to meet with Pat Utley, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee. Chair Dale stated a potential event for National Police Week which is May 21-30 that he would like to see all committees participate in.

2016-17 FY BUDGET DISCUSSION

Chair Dale reviewed the proposed 2016-17 FY budget both he and Town Administrator/Clerk Bennett had worked on to the committee.

Chair Dale expressed his desire to host a recognition event promoting public safety at a local level and a discussion he had had with Mayor Kapfhammer on the topic. The committee reached a consensus in support of Chair Dale approaching the council at their next council meeting about this topic.

Administrative Assistant Hillhouse clarified the potential new event allocation in May would need to change to 2016-17 and if the committee was seeking funds for 2016 would need the council to approve the event and a budget amendment. All AED related expenses would also reflect the year 2016-17.

The proposed 2016-17 Safety Committee Budget consists of the following;

- Dues - \$35.00
- NNO Event Supplies - \$350.00
- Printing -\$300.00
- National Night Out Services - \$450.00
- National Police Week Ceremony - \$1,000.00
- AED Equipment -\$1,500.00
- AED Training - \$1,800.00
- AED Contingency @ 15% - \$270.00
- AED Supplies - \$300

TOTAL \$6005.00

Ms. Morris made a motion to approve and present to the village council the proposed 2016-2017 FY Safety Committee budget total of \$6005.00 noting the year change for National Police Week to 2017 and all AED related expenses to reflect 2016, Mr. Kohlmeier seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

CRIME ALERT PRESENTATION

Gayla Adams introduced herself to the committee and gave a brief summary to a home invasion which occurred in her home. Ms. Adams explained that she receives neighborhood alert messages sent out by Mike Smith and invited him to speak to the committee in the hopes to integrate into the Village of Wesley Chapel in some form.

Mike Smith introduced himself to the safety committee. Currently a Weddington Town Council member, Mr. Smith has an extensive background in public safety. Mr. Smith made it clear to the committee that the community alert system he oversees has no municipal affiliation and is something he does on his own time to assist in helping neighbors share information.

Mr. Smith discussed the process of participating in the system and information included within alerts. He stated he has received positive feedback that includes people taking more notice of their surroundings. One concern that the sheriff's office expressed was the distribution of inaccurate information and creating community panic. To address this Mr. Smith does not report any third party information and vets all information sent to him. If for some reason the information could not be vetted in a timely manner Mr. Smith makes that clear in the alert and clarifies information as soon as possible.

With summer approaching and additional activity occurring within neighborhoods, Mr. Smith would like to see other local municipalities connecting communities together promoting safety and offered his services in any way. Promoting his own community alert system sign up process or helping someone in the Village of Wesley Chapel start their own.

Chair Dale stated that he could think of several opportunities the safety committee could partner with Mr. Smith to promote and enforce public safety within the village and invited Mr. Smith and Ms. Adams to a future meeting to discuss further.

CRIME REPORT TEMPLATE

Chair Dale reviewed a crime report template he had created that he would like to keep updated with reports obtained from the sheriff's office as per council's request. Discussion took place between the committee regarding how much and what information to include in the report.

Both Chair Dale and Mr. Kohlmeier will revisit Lori Kiker, Crime Analyst at the Union County Sheriff's Office to revise the current template and bring back for committee review.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK EVENT

Expanding on the conversation about a National Police Week event under 2016-17 FY budget agenda item the committee expressed their desire to recognize all emergency responder's not just police. The committee would like to keep the focus on either Wesley Chapel responder's involved in incidents or incidents that occur within Wesley Chapel regardless where the responder is from. Ms. Morris pointed out to the committee she did think such an event was already in existence on a county level.

Mr. Bowers suggested to start small and have recognitions occur at council meetings allowing family members and the public to witness a brief presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bowers motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Morris seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

s/ Lynell Hillhouse
Lynell Hillhouse, Secretary

s/ Jim Dale
Jim Dale, Chair

Approved on; April 4th, 2016.