

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 2015

ROLL CALL: Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Moment of Silence for passing of Tony Scott

Approval of Monthly Minutes:

- July 2015 Amended minutes – Kathy Kramer changed to “Guest” – Suzi Cutrone approved, Mitchell Sabanosh seconded.

NEW BUSINESS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Introduced new Board Member Silvius Sfera

- City Attorney’s Office Presentation: Jeff Sheffel explained the Sunshine Law, Public Records Law, and discussed the Resolution passed at City Commission meeting.

Sunshine Law:

a) Open meeting – Requirements:

- No two board members can speak of Board business outside of a meeting.
- Notice of meeting must be posted at least one week in advance.
- Subcommittee meetings must be held at publicly accessible places/public facilities. (No homes, no restaurants)
- Minutes must be taken (attendance must be noted, general topics)
- Votes must always be recorded. Cannot be anonymous voting – specific name is needed to vote.

b) Public Records – Don’t throw anything away that you create (notes from meetings, copies of notes). When your term is finished – turn notes over to Board Liaison.

- Power Point Presentation: Neighborhood Watch Advisory Board Committee (Handouts given)

a) Need to have a Mission Statement for Committee (examples given)

b) Discussion of NW Signs – Discussion to be held by members in their community as to the design of the signs.

- National Night Out – Quick discussion re: success of the event

- Nomination for Chairperson & Vice Chairperson of Neighborhood Watch Advisory Board
 - Chairperson:
 - 1) Perry Pustam: Motioned by Cutrone, Seconded by Sabanosh
 - Vice Chairperson:
 - 1) Susie Cutrone: Motioned by Ignacuinos, Seconded by Sabanosh
 - 2) Mitchell Sabanosh: Motioned by Stealey, Seconded by Cutrone

- Members stated they wished for an attorney from the City be present at the next meeting to affirm the voting is handled properly for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Jeff Sheffel stated he would make himself or a member from his office available.

- Pumpkin Patrol – Members stated they would be out in their neighborhoods during Halloween.

PD COMMENTS:

- Major Marino spoke about Property Crimes going down 24%. Street level robberies (strong armed robberies) are more prevalent on the east side of the City. Armed robberies and commercial burglaries are more prevalent on the west side of the City.

- Major Marino also discussed the new Offender Focused Domestic Violence Initiative and stated he would see if Sgt. Cady would come and do a presentation for the Neighborhood Watch.

- Pustam stated there were two incidents on the news which happened earlier in the day (1911 Fillmore Street and Orangebrook Elementary). Pustam asked if was possible for the Neighborhood Watch Advisory Board to be notified when incidents are happening in their neighborhoods. The NWAB was advised the PD is now releasing information through social media. Email blast was also suggested.

OPEN FORUM:

- Ignacuinos stated he was unhappy with the name change of the Board, and stated it shouldn't have been changed. Major Marino explained the original name was copyrighted, and moving forward we are under a new program – National Neighborhood Watch (nnw.org).

- Cutrone brought up the Children's Cardboard Boat Race on October 17th at 8 am at the Hollywood Marina (700 Polk St), and invited all to attend.

ADJOURNMENT:

Pustam motioned to adjourn. Cutrone seconded the motion.