

COBB NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting, April 15th 2016

Meeting was called to order at 8:32am

Members in attendance: Trish Steiner, Bud Stumbaugh, Joel Cope, Joe O'Laughlin, Glenn Melson, Arlene Williams, Jeff Wood and Larry Green. A quorum was established.

Guests: Public Safety Director Sam Heaton, Suzanne Pete, Cpt. Dan Ferrell

The March minutes were approved.

Public Safety Report – Chief Sam Heaton

- To interview 6 new Communications Coordinator for Public Safety external communications, social media, etc. the week of April 25th.
- Station 29 is looking for space, looking at the Novice building in Cumberland, the space is 3 million
- International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) was awarded the bid contract \$93,000 to review police department policies and procedures. IACP was chosen out of five bids received.
- Work on construction of fire station 29 should commence latter part of 2016; presently looking for suitable property.
- New training center and mobile command vehicle in planning stages – to be funded by SPLOST
- DPS evaluating need/purpose of community outreach/oversight committees. Director to host DPS Town Hall meeting on May 3rd at Safety Village, 6:30pm – 8:30pm.
- Director will be at a conference of Fire Chiefs on May 13th, Commissioner Cupid will be attending a separate conference nearby and the two plan to meet during/after these events.

Committee Reports

Elder Abuse Task Force:

- Expanding network to allow for more distribution on elder abuse topic; planning activities with other groups.
- Meeting with high schools teachers to have students work on PSA competition (school project) on elder abuse.
- Working on interaction between teens and seniors (bridging the gap); seniors to assist teens with written communications, teens to assist seniors with technology and social media.

Community Awareness:

- Great panel discussion last month.
- April 20th Drug Awareness

Active Shooter:

- Active Shooter presentation is being well very received. Phil Bradford, Cobb County Public Schools, has joined with Dana Pearce to deliver great presentation.
- Concealed carry – should not be presented formally by members of NSC representing NSC.
- Chairman posed question of future direction of the Active Shooter committee – tabled for future discussion.

Old Business

- N/A

New Business

- Update and implement usage of NSC Facebook page
- Suggestions for future guest speakers include DA Reynolds (gang activity), W. Tanks (Fire Dept.).
- Ways for NSC to become more aware of community issues (e.g., car burglaries in Cumberland Mall area).
- New topics for committees.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50am

Next Meeting to be held on May 20th at BOC conference room.

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