

Neighborhood Safety Commission
Monthly Meeting January 18, 2018

Present:

Trish Steiner	Glenn Melson
Joel Cope	Joan Bloom
Karen Hallacy	Bob Corn
Bud Stumbaugh	Carol Massey

Call to order at 8:35 a.m.

Bud Stumbaugh announced he is being re-appointed.

Minutes from Nov 2017 were motioned and approved. Bud moved and Joan seconded.

Glenn said we had a very light turnout at the December luncheon and toys were taken to Arlene.

Glenn stressed the need for our NSC members to attend our NSC meetings and mentioned the March election for NSC officers.

Public Safety report by Director, Sam Heaton

- Captain Stan Bell is taking place of Capt. Dan Farrell and he introduced him to us and he provided us with his bio.
- Animal Control is now to be called Cobb Animal Services.
- Safety Village will hold an international conference in May 2018.
- New training shoot simulator - shoot, don't shoot.
 - This will help with reacting to scenarios.
 - Lose a lot of recruits in the shooting phase of the training process.
 - Officers can also go back for training
- Sam mentioned the NSC going out to the training ground to see how this works and mentioned this for April or May
- New radio tower going in around Camp Highlands.
 - Complaints coming in as to the visual of it from local residents.
 - There are dead zones in Smyrna around where the river drops off. Bad for public safety.
- School Bus Stop arm program is back. Re-signed a 1-year contract but the County attorney said that there is a question as to enforceability of charging the fine to a violator. State legislature passed this bill but judges interpreted it differently.
- Sgt and lieutenant pay class study - making correction to this. Must be figured into the budget and Sam mentioned taking some money from Fire Fund
- OLOST - met with city managers and public safety as to what it will do. This must be approved by the Legislature, and the BOC will need put it on ballot in November. They have talked to some of legislators and some are not supported. Would bring in \$102 M after cities receive their portion.
- Karen mentioned M&O SPLOST education group. This will be presented to the legislature at the same time.
- Sam talked of 2019 to 2024 strategic plan for public safety.
- Sam said the \$30 M shortfall gets you to baseline and not capital which means 0 new cars for police.
- Sam said that we are not cutting fat from budget as some claim - we are at bone. This means that either you cut some services or increase the taxes.

Bob Corn - initiative to get academic credits thru Board of Regents for some classes taken at the Academy. He has met with Chief Register and mentioned to Sam.

Community Awareness

Will discuss Sheriff Department next month

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 am