

COBB NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting, March 18, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 8:35

Members in attendance: Johnny Brown –Chair, Karen Hallacy – Vice Chair, Joe O’Laughlin – Secretary, Joe Gavalis, Vickie Plunkett, Meral Clarke, Trish Steiner, Pearle Roberts, Jeff Wood

Members not attending: Joel Cope, Arlene Williams, Larry Green, Lance LoRusso, Carolyn Roddy, PSD Sam Heaton (ex-officio member)

Guests: Suzanne Westerman – Public Safety Office Liaison

A quorum was declared with nine of fourteen present (seat formerly belonging to Joe O’Connor not yet filled).

Minutes from meeting of February 18, 2014 were approved.

Carolyn Roddy, newest member of the NSC was announced.

Public Safety Report

The Public Safety Director (“PSD”) was unable to attend due to other commitments; therefore, no presentation by the PSD at this meeting.

Committee Reports

Elder Abuse Task Force:

- J. Wood stated that, while the NSC will remain active with the EATF, it was always the intent for the EATF to grow outside of the NSC. This goal is being accomplished as various metro organizations and law enforcement personnel are now actively involved.
- The public service announcement is being finalized and should be ready for broadcast soon. It will be made available for television and shown during various community groups.
- House Bill 899, making the operation of an unlicensed care facility a felony offense in Georgia, is on the calendar for a general assembly vote on March 18.

Community Awareness:

- T. Steiner announced the first panel discussion (topic -Internet/Electronic Theft) was a success and thanked all who participated.
- The next panel discussion is scheduled for March 27 (topic – Missing Children/Seniors) and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation will have a representative as a panel participant.
- Following are future panel discussion dates and topics –
 - April 24, Personal Safety in Home & Community
 - May 1, Stalking/Teen Dating (January panel discussion rescheduled due to inclement weather)
 - May 14, Mental Health
- A breakfast in honor of all panel discussion participants will be held on May 19th.

Active Shooter:

- The Active Shooter program will be highlighted at the Cobb Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting on October 6th. The video will be shown and all businesses will be encouraged to develop a plan should an attack occur at the place of business. The NSC will introduce the Active Shooter program at this meeting.
- A list of contacts for all county municipalities will be compiled and available for distribution at the above meeting.

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Old Business

1. NSC – FOP meeting:

Prior to the NSC meeting held on February 18th, the NSC members were asked to discuss with their appointive county commissioner for direction regarding the NSC meeting with the Fraternal Order of Police to discuss police department compensation and other concerns of the CCPD. Following is a recap/update of each commissioner's position:

- Birrell – Was in favor only if PSD Heaton and Chief Houser also attend. Subsequent to the last meeting PSD Heaton opined it would be improper for either to attend an NSC meeting with the FOP in attendance.
- Cupid – In favor.
- Goreham – initially not in favor, later allowed for some information to be collected by NSC. No longer in favor of the proposed meeting.
- Lee – Not in favor.
- Ott – Not in favor.

Considering the direction from each County Commissioner and the recent media attention on compensation of public safety personnel, the NSC will not meet with representatives of the FOP during the NSC scheduled for April 15th.

2. Safety Blitz/Block Party

- Scheduled for Saturday April 26th in the field in front of Parkview Apartments, 360 Six Flags Drive, Austell
- Planning meeting at Fire HQ, 1:30pm on March 26th
- It was recommended the NSC members commit to specific time blocks to ensure adequate representation throughout the event.

New Business

1. Election of Officers for upcoming year, March 2014 – March 2015

- Karen Hallacy – Chair
- Trish Steiner – Vice Chair
- Arlene Williams – Secretary

2. Attendance requirements for NSC members

- What are acceptable events for which a NSC member to attend and be considered meeting requirements of NSC by-laws? Tabled for discussion at subsequent NSC meeting.

3. Next NSC meeting will be April 15th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52.