

COBB NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting, October 21, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 8:34am

Members in attendance: Joe O’Laughlin (Chairman), Glenn Melson (Vice- Chairman), Trish Steiner, Bud Stumbaugh, Arnie DePetro, Carlton Stott, Pearle Roberts, Joe Gavalis. A quorum was established.

Guests: Dennis Thayer, Dan Ferrell, Demetrius Sherrod, Suzanne Westerman

The September minutes were approved

Public Safety Report – Captains Ferrell and Thayer

General:

- Thank you to the NSC for their assistance with the October Safety Blockparty
- Animal control – upgraded equipment

Police:

- 911 presented Board of Commissioners on financial needs
 - Increase fee from \$1.25 to \$1.50
 - State is considering taking all 911 fees and reallocating throughout the state
 - Investigating methods for 911 staff to “de-stress” during work shift
- IACP
 - Second phase of review (data collection) complete, expected first report draft in January 2017
 - Draft to be reviewed by chiefs and respond
 - Website to present final report with findings and recommendations
- County to go “live” with all websites in November 2016; will include an accountability section

Fire:

- Participated in October NSC Community Awareness panel discussion – well received
- Progressing with 5 year strategic plan to BOC, to include:
 - 43 new positions
 - Equipment acquisition for station 29 (Cumberland)
 - No land identified as yet for station 29, looking at temporary options; 2 years from obtaining space
 - Station 18 (Mars Hill) to open soon
- Adding 2 new positions, District Chief – Deputy Chief and Battalion Chief
- Adding a captain position to Training staff
- “Pay-in-class” study still pending

Committee Reports

- Elder Abuse Task Force: No report
- Community Awareness: Next panel discussion is 11/16/16 – Law Enforcement in community.
- Active Shooter: No Report
- Gang Awareness: No Report

Old Business

- Overview of gun laws – Cpt. Ferrell working on presentation
- Citizen Police Academy – currently in session; highly recommended for all interested Cobb residents
- Ride Along – recommended. Contact Cpt. Ferrell for CCPD and Cpt. Thayer for CCFD
- Review of NSC meeting dates/times – questionnaire to be provided to members for setting 2017 calendar

New Business

- Date and location for December meeting – Glenn Melson to investigate options, theme (toy donation?)

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am. Next meeting November 18th at BOC conference room