

Walnut Hill Volunteers In Patrol Minutes October 29, 2008

Present were Randy Griffin, Carroll Wolford, Bill Marx, Joyce Tepley, Phil Hughes, Margaret Conlin, Mike Conlin, Paul Figel, Chuck Pomatto, Ilda Manriquez, and Linda Befort. Guests were Frank Arras, who is applying for membership, Officer Spivey, and Sergeant Osborne.

Linda Befort called the meeting to order in the absence of Bob Noyes at 7:02 pm.

Officer Spivey reported a continuing decrease in crime in our neighborhood from last year at this time.

- We had one aggravated assault in the 10200 block of Crestover when a neighbor confronted a man in a 2006 blue Dodge truck who was driving up and down the street too fast. The driver tried to run down the resident and another neighbor who witnessed the incident called 911.
- One residential burglary was reported on Sherbrook and the owner said he may have left the garage door open.
- The tailgate from a 2005 Toyota pick-up parked in the owner's driveway on Constitution was stolen.
- In the 3800 block of Walnut Hill political signs were stolen from a yard.
- In the 10,000 block of Marsh Lane at 3 am money was taken from a coke machine. This was the 3rd time and the perpetrators were observed on camera.

Linda Befort reported that a Hispanic man has been walking her street of Heather soliciting yard work and generally hanging around. He was sitting on her front porch one day. A few months ago her husband, Bob, told him not to go away and he did for a while, but is now back. He was seen by another neighbor in the back yard of a house. Some of the women on the street are afraid of him. Officer Spivey said to report it to 911.

Bill Marx moved to approve the minutes as posted on the website. Motion carried.

Linda gave the treasurers report. The Crime Watch bank balance is \$6,101.95 which included \$155.00 in dues for October. Another \$15.00 in dues and expenses of \$68.85 for National Night Out for Crime party expense reimbursement and batteries for the scanner paid to Paul Figel will be posted. The pending balance will be \$6,048.10.

The Extended Neighborhood Patrol balance is up to \$36,291.65. We are about \$4,000.00 shy of our goal of \$40,000 which would pay for a 4 hour a day/7day a week off duty police officer to patrol our neighborhood. Plans are to start the patrol program in the middle of November with as many hours as our collection affords.

Bill reported that the next VIP training at the police department will be from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm Saturday, November 15. All applications need to be in a week before.

Mike Conlin reported fixing the scanner. For some reason it got interrupted.

Phil Hughes reported website viewership has been steadily declining since a spike in July. He plans to prepay GoDaddy hosting company for a year to get a discount on the price. He will submit a bill to Linda. There was discussion regarding putting the expense on the Master Card that came with our Crime Watch/Homeowners bank account. If the card is used on a regular basis, the bank account fee is waved. Phil and Linda will look into that possibility.

Chuck Pomatto reported 8 patrols took place in September.

Ilda Manriquez reported that Carey Middle School will not have a security guard after this December on the grounds of the Family Center. This could mean problems for the neighborhood since it is partly a clinic and counseling center.

Ken Husa reported that he is trying to organize a CERT training for this February at Good Shepard Episcopal School on Midway. It will be for our neighborhood. He will send us the information to be posted on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Tepley
Secretary