

Watch Meeting Minutes (02/22/2015)

Saturday, February 28, 2015 5:56 PM



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Executive Summary

- We are moving forward with our April 4, 2015 *Neighborhood Clean-up* event.
- We are also looking into having a mobile shredding unit available for the community, potentially to coincide with the April 4 event.
- We are continuing to monitor and discuss events of interest in the community that are related to neighborhood safety and security.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Attendees: Andre Ratliff, Laila Ramputh, Michael Brown, Tim Morgan

- 1) Discussion regarding submission of meeting minutes
 - a. Tim will circulate to the group, and Luke.
 - b. Once approved, (or 7 days later, whichever comes first), Tim will submit to Randy.
- 2) Neighborhood clean-up event
 - a. Still targeting April 4. (Roughly coincides with Earth day.)
 - b. (Action) Michael will follow up on dumpsters. (*Done, at the time of publishing these notes, see attached.*)
 - i. Should we announce to the neighborhood that we will have a dumpster onsite?

No. Discussion that we do not want to have people treating this as an opportunity to clear out their garage/basement/whatever using the dumpster(s) that we will be renting.
 - c. Suggestion to have a coordinated designation of volunteers to certain areas.
 - i. Will make it easier to organize pick up of collected bags of trash, and ...
 - ii. Will help us ensure that we don't just have one area of clean-up efforts.
- 3) Shredding truck
 - a. Suggestion to also coordinate a shredding truck to coincide with the April 4 event.
 - b. Rationale being that there was recently an event in which someone was *'stealing trash'* that had been set out curbside for collection.
 - c. It's suspected that the trash thief may have been looking for documents in order to commit identity theft.
 - d. Having a coordinated shredding day would be beneficial so that people can shred their sensitive documents, rather than set it out in the curbside trash, and leave themselves vulnerable.
 - e. This is also perfect timing, considering tax season.
 - f. (Action) Michael to follow up.

- 4) Communications of events listed above
 - a. Tim will be taking point on communications efforts.
 - b. (Action) Tim to reach out to Bob from the Communications committee to request a notice to be published in the next print mailing.
 - c. (Action) Tim to create a Google Docs Form for electronically collecting volunteer RSVPs.
 - d. (Action) Tim to create a graphic design, with event information, to have Bob include in the mailing.

- 5) Other recent communications
 - a. Laila's column of a list of things to do to keep your home safe and secure was included in the most recent mailing.
 - b. (Nice work, Laila! :)

- 6) Budget questions
 - a. There is some question as to whether or not our budget has been finalized.
 - b. And, if yes, how do we go about getting funds released for our upcoming event.
 - c. (Action) Andre to follow up with Randy/Luke.

- 7) Block Captains
 - a. Recent exposé from Federal Hill was circulated to the group. Highlights included:
 - i. Introducing/welcoming new neighbors to the neighborhood, and
 - ii. Hosting events, block parties, and block clean-ups.
 - b. Proposed to bring up this suggestion at the next board meeting, to get a pulse on interest/buy in.

- 8) Recent events/issues
 - a. Michael has collected a list of all police reports for our neighborhood, and surrounding area.
 - i. 1/22/15 - present
 - 1 assault, 1 illegal dumping.
 - ii. 2014
 - 39 total incidents (ranging from assault, breaking and entering, to weapons offenses)
 - iii. 2013
 - 42 total incidents (ranging from assault to theft, and a few others)

- 9) Discussion regarding the "*Police Community Relations Council*"
 - a. This meeting is held monthly, and is open to the public.
 - b. Specific to the Northern District jurisdiction
 - c. More information can be had by contacting the Northern District Police Office.
 - d. Michael intends to attend upcoming meetings to get a better idea of what discussions are had at this meeting; he will report back to the group if he is able to attend the next meeting.

- 10) Basketball court: open/closed times
 - a. This discussion has been turfed to the Rules & Regulation committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.