



PSAC MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2019

Members Present: Steven Marker, Lynnina Woods, Deborah Aronson, Councilor Cathi Forsythe, Chief Harry Smith, Russell Williams, Terry Hill

Members Absent: Tammi Tlustos-Arnold, Grant Murrell

Minutes of prior meeting's minutes from April were approved.

Citizens Wishing to Speak on Non-Agenda Items:

None

Chief's Report:

July 4th Recap: MCSO responded to two fireworks calls where there was imminent fire danger. ~~Despite a busy evening, there was still~~

"Deputy Chief" Lt. Kaer, acting in Capt. Smith's absences upcoming.

FV Woods/Oaks update: MCSO and the apartment management have been working together and sharing information. The overall numbers of calls in the complex have been decreasing. Last month there were no recovered stolen cars. The living situation for residents is improving as problem tenants are identified and appropriately directed to better behavior.

Kudos re: Vacation House checks from Councilor Forsythe. She used the service and was pleased with the report emailed to her as well as the video evidence of deputies out walking her property.

Old Business:

Disaster Preparedness Seminar: About 20 people attended, Alice Busch presented. It would have been nice to have that after the recent earthquakes in California and Washington, maybe we would have had larger attendance. We need to identify future topics for presentations. Ms. Aronson suggested giving a presentation in a place like FV Woods to attract people who would need this information. Mr. Marker: the NYC power outage showed the need to respond to help vulnerable/disabled people in a disaster. We need to get that information out so that people don't get left behind in a disaster. Councilor Forsythe suggested we maybe look at a citizen program of "1st responders" that can check on and assist people. This type of program is supported by Emergency Management through the Neighborhood Response Teams. Mr. Marker and Mr. Williams will coordinate with Alice Busch to schedule a citizen training. Maybe a "Disaster Preparedness on a Budget" seminar?

The committee discussed various disaster preparation products such as crank up radio and food supplies. Need to address peoples' needs in relation to their financial means along with desires to take care of themselves.

The best tool we may have is to continue to focus on getting people to make connections with their neighbors.

Neighborhood Watch:

We have been doing this for a few months. Is it still worthwhile? Chief Smith noted that it is focused on creating community and getting neighbors to look out for each other; which serves both preparedness and crime prevention purposes. Suggestion of renewing a "welcome wagon" outreach for new residents in Fairview. Mr. Hill suggested getting someone in each neighborhood to act as a "hub" of package storage or watching the area. This could be done at the HOA level. However, HOA's are currently not getting a lot of active participation. We should encourage blocks to do neighborhood picnics or barbeques. That is a good way to get people to connect with one another.

The Neighborhood Watch meetings are on hiatus for the summer and will resume in September.

New Business:

National Night Out: Is coming on Tuesday, August 6th at 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mr. Williams and Ms. Woods will staff the PSAC table.

Fairview on the Green: September 28th 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. Mr. Williams and Mr. Marker will staff the PSAC table.

Ms. Woods inquired on the construction on Sandy/223rd. The fencing is right on the edge of the fog line leaving no room for pedestrians to walk safely. Ask the City if they can insist the construction company move the fence a few feet back from the road.

Mr. Marker discussed July 4th issues. He reported a large amount of discarded/used fireworks left in Lakeshore Park. ¾ of the fireworks were illegal fireworks. Many of the streets had a large amount of debris left behind. Mr. Marker would like to work with PRAC to initiate a ban on fireworks in City parks.

Mr. Hill motioned that PSAC recommend, in conjunction with PRAC, to recommended to Council a ban on all fireworks within City Parks. Ms. Aronson seconded. All in favor except Ms. Woods. Motion passed. Mr. Marker will work with PRAC and Councilor Forsythe on a Council motion.

Review PSAC Work Plan Draft: On item #1, change language to monthly meeting and eliminate "twice monthly". Mr. Marker wanted to encourage doing a second shredding event. We will continue to staff tables at City events. Mr. Marker suggested purchasing PSAC preparedness swag. Chief Smith requested specific ideas be drawn up and he will get them approved by the City. The committee discussed several interactive games or activities that can be done during PSAC events.

The next meeting was set for August 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m..

Minutes approved:  PSAC Chair or Vice-Chair 8/19/19
Date