

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD  
ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2012 IN ROOM 103 OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER

The meeting began at 7:31 p.m.

Members Present were: Dea Zugby, Kevin Hammett, Jackie Carrington, Janet Jacobs Parker, Rick Ransom, Dan Hamlin, Sherry Burks, Edward Putens, Council Liaison and David Moran, Staff Liaison. Also present were Stan Zirkin and Bill Orleans.

Council Referral – Youth Curfew Law

CRAB discussed the recent Council referral on a proposed youth curfew law. Rick provided a summary of CRAB's past consideration of this issue in 1999. David reported that Windsor Green had not received timely notice of the meeting and suggested a follow-up meeting with them. Mr. Putens provided some additional background about Windsor Green's concerns and discussed the problems at the basketball court and a shooting on Canning Terrace.

There was discussion of the County's curfew law. Jackie provided some background on this law and distributed copies of it.

Janet asked if Windsor Green has private security. Mr. Putens responded yes.

Rick asked what had prompted the previous consideration of this issue. Mr. Putens responded there had been similar public safety concerns throughout Greenbelt.

Dan stated that the Windsor Green community had real fears and concerns and these needed to be heard. He questioned whether a curfew would effectively address these concerns. Dan expressed concern about laws (like curfew) that are enforced on a discretionary basis. Dan recommended CRAB hear from the Windsor Green community and the Police department before making a recommendation.

Kevin agreed that CRAB needed to understand and acknowledge what the residents are experiencing. He noted similarities between this situation and the Spellman overpass referral and suggested there may be additional solutions in addition to the curfew proposed by Windsor Green.

Janet asked if community leaders had tried to talk with these youth to find out what they wanted. It was noted that many of the offenders appear to be from neighboring communities. It was also indicated that some of them are over 18 and a curfew law would not apply.

Rick summarized that City should invite Windsor Green representatives and the Greenbelt Police to a follow-up meeting. He also asked David to research the prior curfew referral and provide any additional background materials.

Dan and Kevin stressed the need to listen to the Windsor Green community at the next meeting.

Kevin asked if the situation on Gardenway had gotten better. Ed and David responded that the situation appeared to be improved.

Minutes from 12/15/11

Dan moved approval of the minutes. Dea seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.

Prepared by David E. Moran, Staff Liaison