

REGULAR MEETING OF PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 1, 2009

ROLL CALL: The regular meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Committee was held at the Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Present were members Silke Pope, Cindy Comprani, Laura Kressler, Edward Hickey, Andy Carruthers and Bill Holland. Also present were Police Liaison Captain Tom Kemp and MPO Kelly Lawson.

MINUTES: The minutes from July 7th, 2009 were read approved.

OLD BUSINESS: CERT: The defibrillator is in. Mr. Holland will contact Ms. Johnson to get on the Council's agenda.

Neighborhood Night Out: Off. Lawson stated that Neighborhood Night out was a great success.

Markers: Ms. Johnson will forward the Mile Markers letter to the City Manager.

Banner: Ms. Kressler and Mrs. Pope presented the banner. The banner will be given to Ms. Johnson to store.

NEW BUSINESS: Gang Presentation: Cpl. Lee from City of Greenbelt Police Department made a presentation on gangs in Greenbelt. Gang graffiti has been sited in 5 spots of Greenbelt. Gang crimes include vandalism, drugs, robberies, and murder. Gangs pass messages to other gangs by graffiti. There are 280 gangs in Prince Georges County with 2500 members. 25 live in Greenbelt, Some come to commit crime, some work in Greenbelt.

Nixle: Officer Lawson stated that Nixle was a means to communicate with the community. She wants to use it with Old Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch Group, CERT, and PSAC. To sign up go to www.nixle.com. It uses email as well as texting if you are in the area.

PSAC Flyer: Mr. Vazquez will print a new PSAC flyer and bring it to the next meeting. Mr. Vazquez will also take some flyers to the Police Booth at the Labor Day Festival.

Agenda for 2010: The following were proposed for the agenda for PSAC in 2010:

- Disaster Preparedness Day in April consisting of several booths to answer questions.
- Public Forum at several locations such as Empirian Village, Greenbelt Center and Greenbelt East.
- Public Education: Mr. Carruthers suggested more public education on public safety.
- Greenbelt Night Out: Officer Lawson suggested a Greenbelt Night Out. She also stated that McGruff can make an appearance at any event.

PSAC Vacancy: No decision has been made yet on filling the PSAC vacancy. There have been 3 interviews for it.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for October 6th, 2009 at 7 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.