

MEETING OF PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
October 2, 2012

ROLL CALL: The meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:10p.m. Present were Dr. Laura Kressler, Mary Thomas, Cindy Comproni, Herb Wyche, Matthew Inzeo and William James. City Liaison Mary Johnson and MPO Kelly Lawson were also present. In addition some members of the Windsor Green Board of Directors were present.

MINUTES: The minutes were approved from the September 4, 2012 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: National Preparedness Month Proclamation Presentation given to CERT and PSAC at September 20, 2012 Council meeting. Dr. Kressler and Mr. Wyche accepted the proclamation on behalf of PSAC.

MILE MARKER SIGNAGE: The Mile Marker Signage was approved by Council at the September 10, 2012 meeting. Dr. Kressler stated that she is working on getting the Spanish version of the sign edited. Jim Sterling, Assistant Director of Public Works is getting some estimates to print the signs. H&W Printing will also give printing estimates. Dr. Kressler will contact H&W Printing and also forward the Spanish version upon completion.

ANIMAL CONTROL: The Animal Control meeting has been postponed until a later date due to scheduling conflicts.

NEW BUSINESS: The Council has made a referral to CRAB, Youth Advisory Committee and PSAC concerning a proposed new curfew law. The members of the Windsor Green Board of Directors asked the Council on April 4, 2012 to formally reconsider adopting a youth curfew law for the City.

Dr. Kressler stated that the request for a curfew law has a history dating back to 1999. The topic was considered in depth from each of the referred advisory groups between 1999 and 2001. In 2001 PSAC recommended a curfew law. The Council consideration of a curfew law also included the holding of a public hearing in January 2001. In the end the Council determined that a curfew laws was “not necessary in Greenbelt at this time”.

Members of the Windsor Green Board of Directors, who attended tonight’s meeting, spoke of an increase in violent crime, robberies and assault. Approximately one month ago, a shooting occurred by the basketball hoops in Windsor Green. Windsor Green Board of Directors has received feedback from the home owners that they feel the youth are committing the crimes.

Windsor Green Board of Directors would like to see more detailed reporting of crime on the Windsor Green property and think it would be extremely useful to see a breakdown of type and frequency of crimes committed by minors versus those of adult age. They also believe that a curfew would bring the parents more aware of their children’s activities.

MPO Lawson presented arrests data by sector. There were 50 arrests in Greenbelt West, out of 108 arrests City wide only 7 arrests occurred after 10:00 p.m. MPO Lawson stated that she doesn't believe we need a curfew law but instead a community effort. The Windsor Green Community has to report what they see.

Windsor Green has a private security firm patrolling the community. Mr. Wyche stated that Greenbriar also has a private security firm that patrols. Mr. Wyche stated that it has been his observation that often people stop what they are doing when the security patrol goes by. Mention was made of installing surveillance cameras at Windsor Green. Franklin Park has installed surveillance cameras and it has worked well.

Dr. Kressler asked how active is the Windsor Green's Neighborhood Watch Program? The answer was extremely poor. Dr. Kressler stated she is willing to help rejuvenate this program.

Dr. Kressler thanked the members of the Windsor Green Board for their attendance. She stated that at some point we may have a joint meeting with CRAB and the Youth Advisory Committee or a public hearing concerning this matter. Dr. Kressler will send an e-mail to the other advisory boards to see what actions they plan to take. Dr. Kressler said this was an initial meeting about looking into a request for a curfew law. Dr. Kressler also stated that we may have additional meetings other than once a month due to this referral.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next PSAC meeting will be held on November 13, 2012.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.