

MEETING OF PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 5, 2011

ROLL CALL: The meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:05p.m. Present were Dr. Laura Kressler, James Johnson, Luis Vazquez, Darrin Washington, Councilmember's Ed Putens and Silke Pope. Also present were City Liaison Mary Johnson and Captain Tom Kemp and Police Department Intern Thomas Parent..

MINUTES: Minutes from the March 1, 2011 and March 15, 2011 meetings were approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Mile Marker Signs – Due to problems obtaining signage Dr. Kressler will e-mail the name of the printing company that did the PSAC banner to Mary Johnson. It was also mentioned that perhaps the mile marker could be put in place followed by the signage. PSAC would like completion of this project by July 4th.

SUMMARY OF FIRE & ELECTRICAL ISSUES FROM MARCH 15TH MEETING WITH JIM STERLING – Dr. Kressler stated there have been concerns about the age of the wiring in GHI homes. It was determined that GHI has a master electrician. During the meeting of 3/15/11, Jim Sterling, Assistant Director of Community Planning, informed PSAC about infrared technology which is used to detect hot wires behind walls. PSAC will encourage GHI to purchase this technology. It was suggested that perhaps prior to selling a GHI unit this technology could be used.

GREENBRIAR – There is a structural problem with the third floor units, the walls separate from the ceiling. This is the responsibility of the residents and the residents have been encouraged to have floating crown molding. Apparently the roof is strapped down which also allows for movement. Also, attics were not ventilated properly and attic fans were installed. It is important to make sure these fans are operational.

FRANKLIN PARK UPDATED FROM MARCH 7, 2011 COUNCIL WORK SESSION - Franklin Park has been actively recruiting military housing at their facility. In addition, they have established a shuttle to University of Maryland and the Greenbelt Metro station. They currently renovated 85 apartment units and completed over 10,000 work orders since new management, however, there is still a long way to go. Jim Sterling stated that there are still quite a number of code violations. Laura then went over the crime statistics which are attached.

METRO BUS SAFETY – There was a recent posting via the internet that a Metro bus was going the wrong way on Centerway and the driver was seen getting out of the bus and talking on their cell phone. Captain Kemp stated there have been complaints about the speed in which the metro bus driver's go through the city. Lou Vazquez stated that he has had to pull over to the side of the road because the busses are speeding and cross the yellow line on the road. Lou also suggested that PSAC send a letter to Council

concerning this problem. Dr. Kressler will write the letter and Captain Kemp will review the camera film at Center way.

PARKWAY – Dr. Kressler expressed her concerns about potholes on the entrance ramp at the Parkway. Councilmember Putens stated that Council has been notified that the entire Parkway will be resurfaced.

SAFETY FAIR – September 17, 2011 is the date of the Safety Fair. This date was determined because September 10th is in close proximity to the Labor Day Festival
The following items need to be done:

- Mr. Johnson will change the date on the flyer and will list all Neighborhood Watch Groups.
- Lou Vazquez will draft a letter concerning the Safety Fair to the Army National Guard.
- Dr. Kressler may attend a council meeting to ask for money for PSAC
- Dr. Kressler will look for price of magnets
- Dr. Kressler, Lou Vazquez and James Johnson will be responsible for vendor placements at the Safety Fair.
- Mary Johnson to e-mail to all PSAC members the groups e-mail address
- Traffic flow at the Safety Fair. The location of the Shredding Truck will determine the traffic flow. How much space will the Shredding Truck need? Captain Kemp stated that the Chief of Police has the authority to change the traffic flow for this type of event.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mary Johnson is to obtain a copy of PSAC Charter and Resolution. Ms. Johnson is also to obtain a copy of the Advisory Board/Commission Reports.

NEXT MEETING: The next PSAC meeting will be held on May 2, 2011.

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