

Minutes North Mason Community Voice Meeting April 16, 2007

Board of Directors present: Bev Wendell, Lee Swoboda, Randy Neatherlin, Ralph Lartz, Judy Scott, Brooke Quigley and Jacquelyn Mastel

Absent: Bruce Jackson, Jim Clark, Mike Greene and Naomi Mc Clarrinon

Attendees: 18

Minutes of March 19, 2007 read and a motion to approve as read passes unanimous by voice vote.

Guest Speaker

The guest speaker for the meeting was an 18 year veteran of the Sheriff's Department in Business and Home Security. Some of the key points he and Community Voice members made were as follows:

- Officers find a lot of unlocked doors and windows in residences and businesses when checking them after hours or when people aren't home.
- It's important to use alarm systems with updated information on who to contact in case an alarm is activated. The dispatcher must have current information.
- 99.9% of all alarms are false.
- Neighborhood Watch is the best way to cut down on crime. If you see someone strange in your business or your neighbor's business, call us.
- The Department has purchased a new computer for the North End that will help.
- We have changed our radio system so the tribes can cooperate with us.
- We are trying to get computers in the Sheriff's cars.
- There is a Tahuya area email that comes out with timely updates from Margie, a person in our Voice meetings.
- There is a lot of wire theft going on with new home construction; thieves will burn off the insulation at home.
- If your front door is obscured from the street, that is attractive for thieves; use alarm system stickers as a deterrent.
- After burglary, have serial numbers written down, take photos of jewelry or important items. The Sheriff can enter a serial number in a state wide data base.
- If a person is coming to your house and seems confused, they might be casing it out.
- The Sheriff's Department will even use Park's Department personnel at times when they need to.

- (Voice member) Things are getting done better these days. You should have computers in your cars.
- Your Neighborhood Watch person can call our volunteer so you can tell us about your neighborhood annoyance problems.

Finance Report:

Treasurer Jim Clark was not present. We received 7 new members at the Hospital District Forum and 3 here tonight for a total of 10.

Health Care Forum

- With the completion of the Hospital District Forum, the Community Voice Health Care Committee has been disbanded. A separate citizens' advocacy group now exists to push ahead for the establishment of a new hospital district in North Mason. For more information, contact Herb Gerhardt.
- It was decided that our public information officer should send a letter of appreciation to Mike Greene for all his work on the Health Care Committee and his chairing of the Hospital District Forum in his effort to improve health care in North Mason.
- It was noted that it was important that Mason General and Harrison collaborate to keep the North Mason Clinic open so there is continuity of care.

Open Forum

- Ken VanBuskirk reminded members of the need to attend the meeting on the bypass.
- Wanda Thompson announced she will be giving workshops on effective interactions.
- Mel Armstrong announced a meeting we should attend concerning the possibility of charging for well water.
- The next meeting will include board elections.

Adjournment

Submitted by Brooke Quigley. Approved by NMCV BOD 5/21/2007.