

HCPNA Monthly Meeting Notes

January 13th, 2009

Eileen Murphy, President, kicked off meeting

Starting tonight with a State-of-the-City

Starting with the Mayor (holding time to 3 minutes each)

Members please be allowed to ask questions first

Mayor Longino:

- Great financial shape
- 5 hotels in the works
- Another 4 on the way
- Things are “good” in college park
- Chief was REASSIGNED until further notice, not fired – it was a personnel issue
- The details cannot be discussed
- Q & A with audience

Councilman Clay:

- Touched upon Council Meetings
- Discussed how “close knit” our community is
- One meeting cannot be indicative of what the Council has witnessed over the last 9 months
- Times are tough and a lot of tactics need to be put into place
- It has not all been a “bed of roses”
- Q & A
 - a. Poor timing?
 - b. “Excellent Deputy Chief who has taken charge”
 - c. Tom Kuziacki is going to do an excellent job

- d. Would like to focus on the positive
- e. What is the city doing to rectify the open positions?
 - i. Should be handled by next several weeks
- f. #1 issue is CRIME – they are becoming more brazen
- g. Airport and jet path
- h. What are we doing about this? Crime and Jets!
- i. Mayor's request:
 - i. Write judges to make sure criminals are kept locked up
- j. Can we get the police to start questioning all of the neighborhood stragglers?
- k. Camera system?
 - i. Clay: We have been looking at a camera system. Foliage is current issues
 - ii. There is a lot citizens can do. Mobile phones, video cameras
 - iii. Three vendors have come to present proposals – still more issues to work through
- l. Councilman Wyatt
 - i. Took Q & A
 - ii. Mis-communication between the Council and the Police Department – we hope this gets clear in the future
 - iii. We need to give our respect to Tom and focus on the present time and make it better
 - iv. Door jam armor (can get them at Home Depot/Lowes)
 - v. \$125 per door (someone can come and install)
 - vi. He will offer CP residents a discount
 - vii. Airport – can we work on a noise barrier?
 - 1. CW: A couple of meetings on this have taken place already and we're working on it
 - viii. Can we get more police officers?

- ix. We are down 8 police men – taking applications
- x. The Council was bashing the police department
- xi. Can we get a number to call when the planes fly over our homes at off hours?
- xii. Look to outside Legislation to help fight the FAA (doesn't have to be in College Park)
- xiii. Crime – we must take this more seriously – and update the communication
- xiv. Working on good PR for College Park

Police Report (Officer Tom Kuziacki) : Acting Chief Tom Kuzniacki, Acting Deputy Chief Ron Fears - long time police officers in CP - came up through the ranks. Know the city & the criminals. Trying to be proactive rather than reactive. Thinking outside the box.

Q & A:

- xv. Tom reports to the City Manager
- xvi. Can we get specific examples of what you are doing differently?
 - 1. Pro-Active Police Runs
 - 2. Police out walking
 - 3. Analyzing high crime areas
 - 4. Neighborhood Watch
- xvii. Can CP hire convicted felons?
 - 1. No
- xviii. Interim Deputy Chief spoke
 - 1. Increasing police force
 - 2. Special operation unit
 - 3. 4 man unit out each day – looking for loiterers, etc.
 - 4. Is it going to be a safer place?
 - a. Yes.
 - 5. Is there an objective to fill vacancies?

- a. Yes – goal – by Summer to be full capacity

m. Public Safety Report

- i. Charles Vaughn

- 1. Safety Committee

- a. We have dismantled as to not conflict with the Neighborhood Watch
 - b. It's real easy to come here and complain – unless you step up and become a part of the solution – we must fight!
 - c. Thursday night – 7pm, workshop “How do I decide if I get a weapon?” (Public Safety Building)

- i. Saturday classes

- 1. Teasers, pepper spray, etc.
 - 2. Block Captains needed
 - 3. Classes are at the Police Station

- ii. Fire Report

- 1. Take better care of ourselves. We want to work to help your health! Stay tuned for us to roll out programs to help with the following:

- a. Cardiac
 - b. Cholesterol
 - c. Heart Healthy
 - d. Elderly Care
 - e. Q & A:

- i. Yes, we are fully staffed

n. Treasurer Report

- i. Balance: \$3265

o. Membership:

- i. Annual dues are due now

- ii. 207 Members – one new member!
- iii. Renewal form can be found on HCPNA website
- p. Phyllis Ray – call Phyllis for new comer baskets
- q. Announcements:
 - i. Thanks for toys for 6 families we brought to the Holiday Party
 - ii. Took children to Target to “Shop with a Cop”
 - iii. Patty McIver:
 - 1. New Website Up...www.hcpna.org
 - iv. A concert series (College Park Methodist Church) – 7:30, January 22nd
 - 1. Atlanta Baroque
 - 2. Gospel and Bluegrass
 - v. College Park Woman’s Club is hosting a Wine Tasting next Thursday, \$20 donation, Call Phyllis Ray and she will deliver tickets!
 - vi. Cleo Hudson, long time member and past President of HCPNA passed away on 12/25/08. Condolences to her family and many friends in CP

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