

Neighborhood Watch Meeting Minutes March 6, 2007

Attendance: James Stolfa, Bruce Nissan, Pat Smith, Al Evans, Maurice, Rod Nuzum (MCSO). Staff: Julie Odell.

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

Deputy Nuzum is our new liaison from the MCSO. His contact phone is 503-793-7312. He works Sunday through Wednesday from 2 p.m. to midnight. Matt Adams will be our MCSO contact Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We are waiting for contact information.

Deputy Nuzum reported that the area along the south side of Halsey Street around 230th Court is becoming the crime hot spot and he noted a fair amount of vandalism is occurring at the unfinished houses in Riverwood Estates. Residents asked for stepped up patrols in the park, especially for off leash dogs. Deputy Nuzum said that bicycle patrols might be reinstated and they could patrol the park. Residents also stated that having a regular police presence in the neighborhoods has significant crime prevention affect. They feel patrols are not as frequent as they used to be.

We identified three projects we want to begin working on:

1. Village Manor – Nuzum will provide patrol call stats. Evaluate risk to community and level of private security at the facility. Determine whether to ask the facility to provide more security.
2. Children's ID Project – Nuzum will look into finding sponsors to help implement this project which provides ID cards for children with descriptive features and fingerprints. This might be a way to interest more residents in Neighborhood Watch. We might do it as a special event or combine it with Easter Egg Hunt, Night Out and Park Appreciation Day.
3. Focus on neighborhoods – Riverwood Estates (RE) and Wood Village Green MHP (WVG): identify activities that we can do to get residents more involved in the community. Use WalMart Neighborhood Needs grant money. James will approach RE about security issues and talk about Neighborhood Watch; he speaks Russian and Ukrainian. Julie will contact Jorge Osorio, pastor of Gresham Comunidad Cristiana Church; he has contact with WVG residents.

We discussed the WalMart Neighborhood Needs grant process. We decided to split the funds with \$500 being made available to low income senior (60+) and disabled residents who need help and \$500 to be dedicated to Neighborhood Watch projects. Look for neighborhood volunteers to carry out the work whenever possible. Julie will amend the grant application and send it out for comments.

Pat announced that Gresham Fire Dept. will be holding a seven week disaster preparedness CERT training from April 5 through May 17 – Thursdays – from 6:30 pm to 9 pm at 192nd and San Rafael. Registration is \$10. The City of Wood Village will pay for anyone who would like to attend. Julie will send out the application and schedule with the meeting minutes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Odell

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, APRIL 3, at 6 pm at City Hall.