



**PONA meeting
Thurs. Jan 20th 2011, 7pm
Advent Lutheran Church
5901 San Juan Ave**

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

Welcome

I. PONA News (20 minutes) Jon Paul Burke

A. Holliday Assistance Program - Adopt a Family

Burke provided summary of the PONA Adopt a Family program. It was extremely successful. Family incredibly appreciative. \$25 left over funds will be used to obtain food donations for Food Closet.

B. Christmas Light Yard of the Month Winners

Awards were presented to Yard of the Month winners, who shared the "story behind the décor" with PONA.

C. CHPD Presentations List

CHPD passed out a list of presentation topics for review and selection of which ones to bring to PONA in 2011.

D. Neighborhood Survey

A survey was passed around for attendees to identify concerns and topics of interest or issues of concern in PONA.

E. REACH Report

Burke reported that no delegates currently planned to go to Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) this year, mostly due to cost to go to Alaska, where 2011 conference will be held. Also noted REACH budget has been significantly reduced.

F. Senior Superstar (Rick)

Doyle provided update on Senior Super Star program. He encouraged PONA members to submit nominees: Must be 65, live in Citrus Heights and be making a difference in the community. Winners will be recognized by City Council, receive a trophy and ride in the parade.

II. 2011-2012 PONA Board Nominations (10 minutes) Jon & Jeff

A. Step Up to the Plate –

Burke and Cameron identified available board positions and encouraged members to nominate potential board members and/or consider self-nominating.

III. Keynote Speaker: (40 minutes) Councilman Mel Turner

A. Citrus Heights --- Present and Future

Council Member Turner provided history of his service as an adult probation officer in San Mateo County; teaching career, graduate of Leadership Citrus Heights, past Planning Commissioner, active roles in UC Davis, PAL program and a variety of boards and service positions over the years and continuing. He talked about his family and commitment to the community and to leave a legacy of service. He noted he is fluent in Spanish.

Council Member Turner noted his commitment to serving the City and being a voice for the residents. He discussed current and pending projects and the City in general, including the following:

- PONA's Traffic Safety, Accessibility and Walkability Project (General Services staff assisted with update)
- CDBG Program and City commitment to getting projects completed
- Citrus Heights being better off than most in this challenging fiscal environment; emphasized commitment to ensuring Citrus Heights will be a place where families and businesses want to come and stay.
- New businesses coming to Citrus Heights – Sprouts moving into the Old Navy location; Old Navy moving to old Linens-N-Things; Nations Giant Burgers coming to Sunrise; Panera Bread at Sunrise/Greenback. New retirement community at Sunrise/Twin Oaks. Discussed city commitment and Chamber of Commerce/Sunrise MarketPlace business leadership.

Noted pride in Citrus Heights PD, especially how engaged and involved the department is. Also recognized the Community Center accomplishment – great usage and no debt.

Q&A period followed, where Council Member Turner responded to questions from PONA members.

In closing, encouraged involvement and neighborhood leadership. Expressed commitment to community and encouraged Neighborhood Association involvement, leveraging and partnership among/between NAs. Reiterated commitment to serving as “your elected official”.

IV. Member comments: (15 minutes)

Members provided updates on the Planning Commission, including PONA member Doyle's appointment to the Commission, the Red Box decision, and adult-oriented business restrictions.

Pastor Olsen reported that 1000 more families were served this year over last year – and more than 30 churches participated in the assistance program.

American Legion is hosting an information session on the veterans benefits, also available for spouses, on Saturday, January 29th at 11:00.

V. Citrus Heights Police Department Presentation (30 minutes)

A. POP Officers Q&A

Officer Turcotte

- Handed out monthly crime stats/newsletter.
- Announced the CHPD updated website is live at citrusheightspd.net and includes more functionality. Encouraged PONA to continue to make reports online – the information contributes to strategy development.
- Discussed the loss prevention program and how CHPD has empowered loss prevention staff at businesses to process low-level shop lifting violations.
- Reported crime trends, noting the rise in thefts from parked cars and reminding folks to take valuables out of car.
- Answered questions from audience.

VI. Door Prize Drawing

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

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