



AREA 5

Area 5 accepting a \$1000 check from Sam's Club, (represented by Larry Turner) last month. The donation was given to our local food bank (Sunrise Community Food Bank). Accepting the check is Bruce Harkbart from Area 5, and Raymond Olsen the Senior Pastor of the Advent Lutheran Church where the food bank is housed.

PONA Minutes January 21, 2010

Meeting began at 7PM at the Lutheran Church.

- 1) Introduction of Chief of Police, Chief Boyd
He has decreased the crime in CH by 30%

This year will be his 4th year as a police chief. He feels that "success starts with the leadership of the city and we have some great people working for Citrus Heights". CH is in the black and that allows our police department to focus on the job rather than on the budget. Community policing is working with the community as partners. All employees "buy into" this type of program, from the 911 dispatch to the people working at the desk.

Traffic has been an issue in CH and the police have been working on this DUI has been a contributing factor for many accidents. The death rate has dropped considerably, but more needs to be done. There has been good results from the red light cameras. Comstat is the program that is run. Monitoring crime through data. They consider where and what the crimes are and think about how to change things. Gangs - we do have gangs. There are school resource officers in the schools. We don't have gangs located in specific areas. Special investigation unit works on gangs and narcotics, etc. They need public to tell them what is going on. There is a focus on kids for an intervention program which works to divert possible gang members to other interests. They work with teachers to identify kids who are possible headed into being gang members. This program has been successful.

They have started a PAL program (Police Activity League) with kids. There will be an activity in sports and other outdoor activities where cops and kids can do things together.

Domestic violence is a real focus in this community. Previously they had 7-12 calls a day and saw severe assaults happen. There is an organization called Domestic Violence Intervention Center which have teamed up with the police. There is a safe house in town. They try to intervene quickly to help women know what is available to help whenever there is a call. Calls have been reduced to 5-7 calls a day now, but more needs to be done. Historically, police have taken the man to jail, and stopped the call, but have not helped the family. Now because they are working with the Center they are starting to "break that cycle".

Data sharing: Most police dept. cannot talk to each other through data information. They have to talk on the phone and have another police dept look for things in their data base. This summer we will be able to have many police agencies combine their data base. They need to police "regionally" instead of just in our own little area.

Questions and Information:

a) Are there any long range plans to book people in CH instead of taking them downtown? There is a reserve program called level 1 and level 2. Level 1 is graduates who have just graduated. They are hired at \$10 an hour to transport in the field. This allows the officers to stay in town. Level 2 are retired officers or people in other positions. They do everything every officer does. They are used for a lot of different things. This is the police department's recruitment pool.

b) Is the Police Dept. going to offer more than one "ride around" class? They are looking into having more than one "ride around" class. You ride with the police dept. Citizen's Police Academy. They run the class for 10 weeks to show community members what the police really do. One day a week is done. The purpose is for the community to know what the police do and how they do it.

c) There are about 50 community volunteers in police dept. They try and fit the skills and desired and talents of the the community members. They try and line up the people with what they want to do.

d) Alarm program; the policy is to respond to alarms. 99% are false alarms. They want to be sure that the alarms are in good working order, etc. CH always responds to alarms. It is an issue to people who have false alarms. The school district and the post office have the most infractions. They don't make money on the program.

e) The Community Center has an Emergency Operation Center and it can be used to help people during emergencies. They need some computers for this, but the wiring is available and they can help.

f) Formerly, if you dial 911 you get Hwy Patrol. Now you get CH call center and it targets your area. It saves a lot of time and increases response time.

g) Neighborhood associations; wants involved in neighborhood watch, call when there are problems, support the police. Wants us to work with the POP officers. Wants us to let them know where the issues are.

h) In this economy the police dept feel really blessed. Chief would like more cops, but...that time probably won't come for a few years. They have adequate resources now. They will need to start replacing car fleet and vests, but they have been saving money for that purpose. He will be able to keep his staff "flat" and he is the envy of all the other police dept.

i) There is a small homeless population in CH. Sylvan Corners is a place where they congregate. Police try and help them get help. There is a camping ordinance. It is not a very large problem.

j) Welcome Officer Seth Dexter, our newest POP officer.

2) Status of street Survey in Area 5- Mary Poole

We did it and because we were there it made a difference to the City Council. The project was approved and now the budge process with begin. Some things will be able to be started this year. Grants will be applied for next. It will be an attractive, effective and a community based program.

3) REACH Report: Jon Paul

- **A basketball court in Brooktree Park.** He brought a paper asking folks to show whether they think it is a good idea. It is an approval process. It has to go through the City and County,

etc. It will be looked at on the Northeast part of the tennis court and tennis people would have the first option.

- The census is still looking for volunteers and paid workers.
- There is a possibility of a CH marching band. If you are interested there is practice every Monday from 7-8:30PM at the Citrus Heights City Hall Complex, 6237 Fountain Sq. Dr. For more details call Cody Tickner at 916-467-6783. or Adam Sartain 916-868-3241. Email: chcmb@hotmail.com Musicians need to be 15 or older.
- **A.J. Somers**, a junior high student, asked for donations of stuffed animals and books as his community service project. The items would be donated to the Children's Receiving Home. A.J. was thrilled with the community support, especially the police department's contributions and sent a thank you note to REACH and Area 5 Neighborhood.
- Mary Poole is looking for volunteers for a 2-3 hrs commitment for a Green Planning Academy Curriculum.
- Census jobs are still available. If interested call 1-866-861-2010 or call Elizabeth Cantu at 916-200-6570.
- Volunteers are needed to work at the Historical Rusch Home. Call Wayne Edmundson - the park supervisor at 916-261-3831
- Sat. 6/26/2010 will be the Red, White, and Blue Parade. For more information call 916-725-2448 or website: www.citrusheights.net.

5) **Announcement of April Mixer; Rick**

April mixer is a golf tournament. Rick passed out fliers about the golf tournament. 18 holes of golf and a barbecue afterwards. Each team will have 4 players - hopefully 2 men and 2 women. It will cost 50¢ a stroke. Any extra money will go to the women's domestic and violence center. This will take the place of our April meeting. People of all skills are encouraged to come and people can sign up by emailing Rick at neighborhoodassoc5@gmail.com.

- 6) Scott Farnsworth and Officer Sgt. Turcotte presented a mock robbery. Citizens were to show what they observed.

Traits of a good witness

calm/focused
aware of surroundings
timely notification to PD
honest/accurate information
good memory
brave

The better you are at giving your location is going to help officers get there.
There is often a gap between what you see and what you think you saw.

Tips

determine if anyone is injured
avoid getting involved
obtain suspect description
obtain vehicle description determine which way the suspect fled
what was taken

factor in time delay
call police quickly

Getting involved

personal safety
if you are involved, who is calling PD
do you know which person is the suspect vs. the victim
accurate information will usually benefit the victim more in the long run
potential criminal/civil liability

Direction of travel

suspect location
compass direction
method of travel
time delay
do not follow

If there is someone around your neighborhood that you don't know and looks suspicious call the police and they will come out. Police want to know who is walking in the neighborhoods.

Next month is the newest mayor of Citrus Heights, Jayna Kaarpinski-Costa will be speaking.

Our Citrus Heights Community Center is now officially opened with the ribbon cutting ceremony held on Jan. 23, 2010!

