

## Volunteers In Patrol Minutes February 24, 2010

The monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Noyes at 7 pm.

Present were: Bob Noyes, Linda and Art Befort, Maryann and Joe Mathews, Chuck Pomatto, Mike and Margaret Conlin, Paul Figel, Joyce Tepley, and Ilda Manriquez. Guests present: Ross Colder, Walnut Hill Homeowners Association President, Officer Burnside, and Lieutenant McGee of the Dallas Police Department.

Officer Burnside reported favorable crime statistics for our area. He said that our neighborhood remains one of the lowest in crime in the city. We continue to have no violent crimes reported. However, BMV or burglary of a motor vehicle and residential burglary was up slightly from January of last year.

A house on Better Dr. was broken into from the alley through a sliding glass door and two expensive watches were taken. Damage to the door was considerable.

The 2 BMV's reported were at parking lots at shopping areas on Walnut Hill and Marsh Lanes.

A resident on the 3900 block of Cobblestone reported a decorative globe taken from the front yard and a woman had her purse stolen from a shopping cart at a store on Marsh Lane.

Discussion followed suggesting that we requisition the police sky tower be placed in the parking lot of El Rancho grocery store on Marsh Lane. There is one in every division and is loaned out to high crime areas for 2 days at a time. Bob will follow up on this.

Joyce reported that the minutes of the last meeting were not posted on the website in time for this meeting. Approval was given for the minutes from our collective memory.

Linda reported that the Crime Watch treasury balance is \$5619.29 with no expenses or collections. The ENP treasury is \$18,000 which gives us a 2 to 3 month cushion before we have to start collecting dues. (A total of 348 members contribute \$49,000) The ENP monthly output for the policeperson's salary and rental of the police car is from \$3,000 to \$4,000. They generally patrol 5 days a week for 4 hours at a time. During holidays they patrolled 6 days.

Ross will get with Linda to compose a letter and send it to all ENP members soliciting for the coming year. Phil will analyze the crime stats for the last two years to see if ENP has made a difference.

Discussion ensued regarding setting up a way for people to pay by credit card but the fees may not justify the amount of people who would use their cards to pay the ENP dues.

Paul was told that the Kojak light is not working so he will look at it.

The Mathews reported about a young person posing as a student working her way through college came to their door saying that she lived on Pinochio and was wanting them to buy books. They turned her down and called the ENP officer who happened to be patrolling. He went looking for her.

Lieutenant McGee said that it is a scam. Someone suggested putting No Soliciting sign up, but it does not stop aggressive people. She also said that the Texas Campaign for the Environment is not a scam and they are exempt from the so soliciting rule since they are non-profit. They work our neighborhood.

Chuck wished to thank the following January patrolers for their continuing contribution to the safety of our neighborhood: The Conlins, The Mathews, Phil Hughes, Joyce Tepley, Barbara Stone, Paul Figel, Randy Griffin, Bill Marx, and Bob Turney.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Tepley  
Secretary