

Canterbury Lakes Neighborhood Watch Committee Meeting
Saturday, September 20, 2008

Minutes:

As everyone arrived, a decision was made to move the meeting from the outdoor area to Hector and Luci Montes-Marchi's home across the street.

Attendants were Wendy Vera, Hector/Luci Montes-Marchi, Lydia Ribot, JR/Nina Santiago, Dennis/Lily Popa and Julie Hunnes.

Meeting started at 10:15 am

Wendy started the meeting by going over the agenda to discuss the following:

1. Telephone Communication Chain
2. Neighborhood Watch Website
3. Planning of next Deputy Meeting
4. NW Event
5. Next Board Meeting

Wendy announced that due to personal reasons, Susan was no longer helping her with the NW committee.

Wendy went over the 4 different phases of the community and how they were to be broken down by Block Captain to about 15 to 20 homes. She is working from 2 different lists. The first list was gathered at the last NW meeting and a list from the Management Company. Wendy stressed the need to confirm and gather accurate homeowner information since some neighbors may have moved in and out of the community. She asked for ideas on how to gather the information and there was some open discussion. Wendy asked for volunteers to collect phone numbers before the next NW meeting. Wendy went over the Blocks and Block Captains. Wendy also went over the information Homeowners would be receiving in the information packet to include: a diagram of the block, telephone chain, what to do list, Sheriff's contact information, Block Captain contact information, and Event #. Wendy recommended we test the telephone chain to ensure all information is accurate. Wendy also handed out business cards with NW information and website link. Wendy stressed that Homeowners should always contact the Sheriff's office if there is a suspicious person in the area and not approach them directly. An additional suggestion on how to receive and update accurate information was proposed that the Management Company could assist in providing Wendy with that information.

Lydia responded that she did not receive many responses by knocking on people's doors to promote the NW in the community. Lily suggested making an introductory handout flyer and leaving them at the door to include a link to the website information. Julie suggested calling people directly and not necessarily meeting them in person.

Wendy quickly went over the budget and we have a balance of \$1250.

Wendy recapped on how we plan to obtain missing phone numbers and asked Dennis to get the missing 6 from Phase 4 before the next NW meeting. Wendy then asked if everyone else could also help with gathering phone numbers. Wendy will have each Block Captain take 3 or 4 sheets.

Julie leaves at 10:35 am.

Wendy moved onto the next agenda item, the NW Website and asked if wanted to see additional information posted. Wendy asked if we use and visit the web-site and some attendees responded yes but the majority said no, not on a regular basis. Wendy urged everyone to test the crime link. Hector mentioned that he had tested the link once before and it did not work. Hector did test the Sheriff's non-emergency number and it worked. Wendy brought up an example of a boy hitting the fence with a bat and that homeowners went after the boy (although they shouldn't have) and he was caught. Unfortunately, the boy did not get charged and the community was responsible for damages. Hector provided another example of a suspicious person in a truck around the neighborhood recently. Wendy also referenced a neighbor recently experienced an attempted break-in through the sliding glass door and the alarm sounded . Two teenage boys were reported in a stolen truck along with the license plate number.

Hector then brought up the fence with a hole in it located on the empty lot. Wendy suggested Hector contact the Management Company with issues like this. Wendy mentioned that there is now a lock on the gate at 78th Street. There has been discussion of opening the street.

Lydia brought up how she has to call the County to have the area between 78th Street and Falkenberg on Camden Field to be mowed. The County will not mow the area on a regular basis. She has to complain that the area is being used as a dumpster. Lydia is still calling about the lights.

Wendy discusses how shoes on the power lines are a symbol for gangs and drug related activities. TECO is responsible for getting the shoes down from the power lines but when Wendy has called in and TECO says they are not responsible. The Sheriff has also said that TECO is responsible.

Wendy moves onto the next Deputy Meeting and suggests we combine with the next NW meeting. Everyone likes the idea of having a simple breakfast to urge everyone to attend in the community.

Dennis asked about patrolling in the community. He said that he has not seen any patrolling since moving to the community. Wendy suggested he ask the Deputy at the next meeting and see how he addresses it with the community. Wendy did say she will

call to ask about additional patrolling but felt with recent budget cuts, there would be very limited patrolling.

Lydia added that she typically walks every morning from 9 to 10 am and is always watching the neighborhood for suspicious activity.

Wendy asked everyone to email ideas for the next meeting.

Hector asked about providing security system information and Wendy thought it would be a go idea to have them attend our next meeting.

There was open discussion on how to deter break ins and several ideas were suggested such as: leaving lights on throughout the day, having timed lights, reporting to the Sheriff's office down 301 if you are going away on vacation (they will supposedly patrol the area and drive by your home).

Wendy brought up the next Board Meeting on Thu, 10/2. Elections will be in November and she urged us to participate and attend the meeting.

Wendy then handed out the Committee List. Hector made a correction and then everyone added phone numbers for everyone.

Wendy asked if there were any questions and asked everyone if 10 am was a good time for the meeting. Lucy offered to have everyone meet at the house again. Wendy will include phone numbers on the list at the next meeting since she wanted to ensure it was OK with everyone before publishing.

The next NW meeting was set for Saturday, October 18 at 10 am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.