

South Goldenrod Safe Neighborhood Association

Minutes – March 17, 2016

President Blackman called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm

Welcome by President Blackman

Officers were introduced. It was noted that the VP John Alfred was absent. It was further noted that there is still no secretary. President Blackman requested that anyone interested in being the secretary speak with her regarding the position.

Orange County Sheriff's Department

Captain Garrison gave kudos to President Blackman for her excellent leadership and introduced the new area Lieutenant, Matt Butler, whom he has known for many years. Cpt. Garrison reported a decrease in burglaries, residential and commercial, as well as a decrease in robberies for Zone 20A indicating that they are doing better this year than this time last year due to allocating the right resources to the right place at the right time. He also said that even though there is always room for improvement, due to placing more resources where they are needed, out of all three sectors, this one has had the largest reduction in crime. Residential burglaries were reduced by 29%, commercial burglaries were reduced by 23% and robberies were reduced by 50%.

Several of the residents who live on Quail Hollow were present and talked about several of their issues and concerns. They would like to schedule to meet with an officer from the Sheriff's office on a regular basis to discuss problems in their subdivision. There is a large truck parked on Quail Hollow Drive and the Captain will look into it and work with Code Enforcement to help address the problem. It was noted that Deputy Richard Conner is our Crime Prevention Officer and has been to our meeting and addressed our residents. He will be asked to attend the next meeting.

Captain Garrison was asked if the Sheriff's office is understaffed and he responded that they can always use more officers. The plan is to hire an additional 150 deputies this year.

Off Duty Patrol Report

The Off Duty Patrol stats for January and February 2016 were given. They are as follows: January there were 0 dispatched calls, 71 self-initiated activities, 10 vehicle stops, 78 citations issued, 14 arrests and 71 community contacts. There were 41.5 hrs. over an 8 day period. For the month of February there were 0 dispatched calls, 70 self-initiated activities, 5 vehicle stops, 75 citations issued, 9 arrests, 69 community contacts. There were 48 hours over a 9 day period.

Guest Speaker

Nancy Ellis from Well Care was the guest speaker. She has been with Well Care for nine (9) years. Well Care is a Medicare Advantage Health Plan HMO. She spoke regarding the criteria such as, age and disability, in order to qualify. There are four (4) parts to Medicare; Part A covers hospitalization and it does not require the member to pay a monthly or yearly fee to participate, Part B covers medical expenses and there is a fee associated with membership, Part D covers a portion of prescription expenses. There are supplemental plans that cover expenses when there are gaps in Medicare coverage of any of the three parts. There is also a low income subsidiary plan, a Medicare savings program and Medicaid to assist, depending on income. She recommended that seniors apply three (3) months in advance of turning age 65 as there are penalties not making timely choices.

Old Business

President Blackman advised that there was a code enforcement problem with the reader board on Curry Ford but, it has been resolved. There was also a shortage of letters. Each board came with one set and it has taken up to three (3) sets to complete our messages .Three extra sets were purchased via Orange County and one set was purchased via SGSNA bank account funds.

President Blackman pointed out that Christina had suggested that the Project Request Form be submitted to get signage for the Quail Hollow at Rio Pinar Sub Division, which has been done and awaiting approval.

Chickasaw Trail traffic study to add a light or four way stop signs has been completed; the strips were picked up today. Note this is the third study complete.

Christie (who was not present at this meeting) is creating a newsletter.

A resident suggested that any Politian running for office should be invited to the meetings to present his/her agenda. President Blackman would prefer to keep campaigning out of their meetings. Bob Settle who was present and is running for office advised the Board to be very careful, as inviting candidates to campaign could jeopardize the church's 501c3 status.

President Blackman pointed out that they are interested in being part of the COPS program but, do not have enough volunteers in the past to be able to part of the program. She will ask for the speaker to return and explain the program in detail for the benefit of those who were not present the first time.

A resident from Rio Pinar Lakes asked the group if anyone had been having problems with pit bulls causing damage to their property. He had called Animal Control how placed traps throughout but, no animal was trapped.

February minutes were reviewed. Claudio Pineda motioned to accept them and Ken Weske second the motion, all voted in favor.

\$53 was collected for the 50/50 raffle, Robert Phillips won and \$26.50 went to the treasury.

Treasurer's Report

There was no report made, however President Blackman reported that \$100.00 was used for the reader board letters.

Project request forms were given to Christina Pichardo-Cruz for the board to review. Once approved by the board, the requests go before the Board of County Commissioners in April.

The Mayor's Neighborhood Challenge program for neighborhoods was explained by Marthaly Irizarry

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm

Respectfully Submitted

Judy Blackman, President