

**Super Neighborhood Meeting Notes
March 8, 2017
Eagles Trace Retirement Community**

I. The meeting was called to order by Doug Parrish at 7:00 p.m.

II. Speaker – Captain Faulhaber – Westside Command Station

Captain Faulhaber spoke about his background, stating that he has spent most of his career fighting crime in our area. He lives in Alief and is very familiar with everything happening in the Westside area. He reported that although murders have increased, this is mainly due to recent homicides that occurred at the club on Westheimer called Fantasy Island. Robberies have also increased, due to members of a gang who, fortunately, were recently caught. Although progress is being made in these areas, he warned everyone to be careful....not to leave items in cars, keep cars locked when pumping gas and recommends that business owners be cautious when going to nearby banks with bank bags.

Captain Faulhaber also spoke about the police shortage in our area as many are retiring. Although a lot is being done to help fight crime, there aren't enough officers to adequately deal with traffic patrol. There is also frustration as judges are allowing criminals to go back onto the streets after being caught. The police chief is aware of this problem and is working to change this.

III. Announcements:

District G – Mark Kirschke

Mr. Kirschke reported the following:

1. The mayor introduced a new homeless program last week. The plan is to get homeless people off the streets and into safe encampments. He asked all city council members to help locate a place where this can be safely done. A new city ordinance is coming for this. The ordinance will also prohibit the obstruction of roadways (no standing in the street). A strong anti-panhandling campaign will be launched by tv, radio, social and print media. This campaign will be funded by 15 management districts. There will also be a pilot program to offer panhandlers employment.

Mr. Kirschke also reported that he received our CIP requests for District G and will work on helping with these requests, especially the concrete work on Eldridge.

IV. Old Business

A. The minutes from the February 8th meeting were approved as Johnny Lozano made a motion, Judy Thompson seconded the motion, and all approved.

B. Committee Reports:

1. Beautification – Virgie Manning – no report was given.
2. Infrastructure – Judy Thompson reported that District F's CIP meeting was held February 21st and our requests were entered into record. District G's CIP meeting was held March 7th and our requests were entered into record.
3. Security – Johnny Lozano – no report was given since Captain Faulhaber talked about the crime in our area.
4. Flooding – Billie Long was absent so no report was given.
5. Homeless – Jack O'Connor – no report was given.
6. Webmaster – Bob Andrew was absent so no report was given.

V. New Business – no announcements

Adjournment: 8:30 p.m. Next Meeting is Wednesday, April 12, 2017