

VILLA PARK LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting –October 3, 2016

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m. at City Hall

Members Present: All members present except Mike Felix and City Manager Jarad Hildenbrand
Six residents attended including Howard Kirshner and Robbie Pitts, candidates for City Council election.

Minutes: September 19, 2016 approved as written

MONTHLY CRIME REPORT: reported by a Sheriff Deputy Brian Benzie, acting for Lt. Jeffery (Copy attached).

PSR AND RESERVES: According to the Deputy Brian Benzie, Lt. Puckett is studying ways to more fully utilize Public Service Responders and Reserve Officers within the County. A “Meet a Cop” informal public meeting is planned for November 16th. Details of the planned event will follow. A decision on allowing PSRs to write tickets for illegal parking is under consideration by the department as is standard uniform requirements.

CERT: Leader Tom Dodge completed a survey of previously listed certified members and reported 15 CERT members are interested in staying active. He is planning a four hour refresher training course to reinstate the existing members. A recruiting and training program for new members will be announced at a future time.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: reported an increase of four new block captains to our mailing list and a marked increase in the number of “Do-Not-Solicit” resident sign ups this month. Block Captains then pass on NW Newsletter information to neighbors. NW Coordinator Silzel estimates between 200 and 250 residents are receiving monthly newsletter information. Committee Members asked that NW newsletters emphasize the importance of Vacation Watch and encourage Do-Not-Solicit sign ups at City Hall to mitigate home break-ins and burglaries. Names and addresses of those who request these services are kept confidential by the City and Sheriffs Dept.

ROADWAY ENGINEERING: Concern was expressed by several members who have noticed an increase in the failure to stop at stop signs, particularly at Santiago and Lemon Streets. Increased patrol was advised. Prior to the next LEAC meeting, committee members were asked to observe the effectiveness of the flashing red light at Lincoln and Center for possible use at other locations. In addition, other “stop ahead” warning devices are being considered including the installation of cross grooving or Botts dots ahead of major intersections.

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION TAKE BACK DAY - OCTOBER 22nd at VP City Hall: Citizens are urged to bring unwanted, unused and expired prescription medications for drop off at City Hall on that date. Break-ins are motivated by addicted criminals attraction to opioids and safe removal from residences is suggested to reduce the incentive. Disposal by flushing them into the sewer system is harmful to the ecosystem.

NEXT MEETING DATE: 6:00 p.m., November 10th at Villa Park City Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Silzel (acting Secretary for Jarad Hildenbrand)