

TARA CRIME PREVENTION AND NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Monday, March 28, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Goodwood Library
7111 Goodwood Blvd.
Baton Rouge, La.

On Monday, March 28, 2016 a quorum of the Board of Commissioners of the Tara Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District ("Board") met at the Goodwood Library for the first quarterly meeting of 2016.

The following commissioners were present:

Jeff Baudier
Bill Kipf
Ross DeNicola
Lisa Catalanatto
Fabian Blanche

The following commissioners were absent:

Anna Hingle
Dale Songy

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jeff Baudier

Reading of the minutes from the fourth quarterly meeting was deferred due to the absence of Anna Hingle.

Ross DeNicola provided a brief summary report on incidents in Tara over the past quarter which included 0 house burglaries and 4 vehicle burglaries in February; and 1 house burglary and 0 vehicle burglaries in March.

Fabian Blanche presented a summarized Security Committee report outlining:

- Corporal Alessha Kuhn is tasked with scheduling the police officer patrols
- Noted is the increased number of patrol hours with the result now equating to about double the number of patrol hours relative to previous years
- Most of the Commissions funds will be spent on the outlined patrols
- The number of patrol hours scheduled for the first seven months of the year include:

January: 56 hours	May: 112 hours
February: 88 hours	June: 112 hours
March: 88 hours	July: 112 hours
April: 88 hours	
- Fabian noted the hours may fluctuate as events warrant, but the number of patrol hours is increased during the Summer months to coincide with the recess of school

-Fabian also related the average cost of the good quality security cameras which can adequately read license plate numbers - and in which the Commission is interested in installing - is approximately \$15,000.

Communication Plan:

- Fabian Blanche will relay relevant reports to Suzanne Fiske of the Tara Civic Association for direct dissemination to the Association.
- The use of the "Nextdoor Tara" website is discouraged as the primary conduit for official communications related to the Tara Crime Commission activities.

Signs & Stickers:

A general discussion ensued outlining the various alternatives for signs outlining the Tara Crime Prevention Neighborhood to be posted in strategic locations in the subdivision. One reported cost estimate of \$3,000 for five nice quality signs with decorative poles set in concrete is reported to be representative of the top of the line.

Jeff Baudier suggested the Commission stay within the budget outlined for the signs but defer to Fabian and Dales committee to decide on the specific type and location of the signs within a reasonable range of the allocated \$2,500 budget.

After some discussion - including some input from officer Kuhn - the decision to act on purchasing identifying windshield stickers or decals for subdivision residents was tabled for future discussion and deliberation.

Budget:

- Lisa reported that almost \$60,000 has been collected to date from the Sheriff's Office
- The only material expense to date is for the security patrols for January and February as well as an ad placed in the Morning Advocate publicizing the Commission meeting.
- Jeff noted he is still waiting on an invoice from Sherri Morris for the legal work she performed on behalf of the Commission in conjunction with the original organization and associated filings. Jeff related he has previously requested an invoice for her services.

Other Business:

Jeff reported we may want to investigate further on the option to obtain liability insurance for the Commission, but at this point no immediate action is contemplated. It was noted that a statutory exemption is apparently in place for Commissioners in connection with their duties, but noted also that the legal system would still need to be played out if someone were to initiate a suit against the Commission.

In answer to a question, Lisa noted the current budget outlines an estimated surplus of approximately \$6,500, which could be carried over from one year to the next as an ear-marked reserve item designated for the acquisition of cameras.