

TARA



CRIME PREVENTION AND NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

November 12, 2014 Update

Welcome and Agenda



- ❖ Introductions
- ❖ Summary of Prior Presentation
- ❖ Answers to Questions Raised Since Last Meeting
- ❖ Presentation by Captain Browning, BRPD Officer in Charge
- ❖ Questions and Answers
- ❖ Public Comment (time limited based on number)

Summary of CPNID



- ❖ Tara registered voters will vote on December 6, 2014
- ❖ \$100 per parcel will be a part of your regular property tax bill beginning at the year-end 2015.
 - Funds will be available in 2016
 - 1% collection fee charged by the Sherriff's Department and
 - \$1/parcel fee charged by the Assessor's Office
 - Option to increase 10%/year up to max of \$200
 - Expires in 10 years, unless a majority of registered voters in the district vote to renew
- ❖ 90% collection from 627 lots in Tara would equal approximately \$56,400 annually.
 - Increased patrols
 - Security Cameras/License plate detectors
 - Professional landscaping and beautification projects
 - Other improvements that will enhance security in Tara
- ❖ Commissioners will adopt an Annual Budget in accordance with the Local Government Budget Act , La R.S. 39-1301 et seq
 - SECURITY will be the top priority
- ❖ Audited annually by the Legislative Auditor pursuant to La R.S. 24:513

Potential Increased Patrols



POLICE PATROLS UNDER TCA 2013 DUES:

Spent on Patrols in Tara	\$16,284
Dues Received in 2013	\$28,730
% of Dues Spent on Patrols	56.7%

Average Rate = \$25/hr (increasing to \$30/hr)

Average Hours Patrolled in 2013

- 53.8 hr/month

- 1.8 hr/day

Pro Forma 2016 Budget (Illustrative only)

SERVICE	TARA 2016	PERCENTAGE
Parcel Fee Revenue	56,400	
Crime Prevention	39,778	74.0
Improvements	5,400	10.0
Administration	4,400	8.2
Legal	2,500	4.7
Collection Fees	1,191	2.2
Other	500	0.9
Total Expenses	53,769	100.0
Surplus	2,631	

Questions Since August



Where can I find a report or proposal creating this district? I was unable to make the last meeting and would like details of the proposal.

Documents and information relating to the proposed CPNID, including the legislative act and the prior meeting presentation, can be found on the Tara Civic Association Website (taracivicassociation.com) under the Crime Prevention District tab.

What is the number of hours we currently have in Tara for security and how much do we pay per hour? What will be the number of hours if the CPD is passed?

In 2013, Tara spent \$16,284 for on average 54hrs/month of patrols at \$25/hr. While we don't have all required numbers as to hourly rate and final budget under the CPNID, we would hope to double this amount of patrol hours under the new District initially. See slide 4.

If this is about crime prevention, why is 25% of the funding going to landscaping?

25% is not going to landscaping, and nowhere was that suggested. The pro forma budget is merely a model of a theoretical budget and the 74% allocated under Crime Prevention is for patrols only. While some portion of the budget would include landscaping, improvements also include cameras, signs, car stickers, etc. and any other safety enhancements other than the direct patrols. It is not anticipated that a significant portion of the budget would be dedicated to landscaping. See slide 4.

Questions Since August



Do you think the Police will get to you ANY FASTER than they already do, say at 3:00 am when some jack-wagon is breaking into your house?

The purpose of the District is Crime Prevention, so we hope it will deter the jack-wagon in the first place. However the Police tells us that CPNIDs do improve response time, because more officers are in uniform in cars and available to respond to calls. And it will definitely reduce response time if an officer is patrolling in Tara when the jack-wagon breaks in. Incidentally, a large number of the Tara crime incidents occur in broad daylight.

Does the law require and is there any advantage to using BR police as opposed to private security?

We certainly see a clear advantage in the fact that by using BRPD or Sherriff's Dept. officers, we enlist the authority, technology and tools of these agencies, such as the power to make arrests, trace license plate numbers, warrants and are in direct contact with the communication systems of these agencies. We cannot achieve that with a private security company.

Questions Since August



How much of an improvement do you EXPECT realistically for \$100.00 per year? What possible "additional services" can we expect for this proposition?

The TCA currently collects only around \$29,000 total in dues and around half of that goes to security patrols. The proposed CPNID would collect an estimated \$56,000, with the great majority of that going to crime prevention. While granted, no system will provide a guarantee of no crime, the proposed CPNID clearly improves what we have now. Additional services could include officers with designated cell numbers, cameras and license plate recorders, signage and car identification, and any other ideas we can think up.

Has there been any discussion with TCA about keeping the current funds which support patrols now (apprx \$16,000, I think) to supplement what this will generate?

As currently contemplated, the TCA dues will be significantly reduced and the TCA will no longer be involved in security patrols.

Questions Since August



In the sample budget shown, what will the \$4,000 in administrative costs cover?

The administrative cost would include items related to operating the District such as office supplies & equipment, cell phone for officer on duty; P.O. Box, postage, accounting services; directors & officers insurance; meeting expenses and reports and publications, and similar expenses.

Does the law specifically state that the legislative auditor will conduct the audit, or that the district will have to pay for an annual audit.

Our understanding is that the State legislative auditor maintains a list of approved auditors who may be selected to perform the audit. The cost of the audit would be in the administrative cost portion of the budget.

Security Occurrences - 2014



Oct 21 and 23 - locked cars were vandalized and personal things were taken.

Oct 30 - Two homes burglarized and items taken. Backdoor windows broken and door unlocked.

Aug 13 - a man drove up into a resident's driveway while he was home and went to his utility room and attempted to steal his lawnmower.

July – two thefts of items from homes reported. One between 1:30 and 4:00.

May 9 - home burglary, electronics taken.

April 29 - Bike stolen from under carport.

March 11 - Back door kicked in while resident was at work. Took TV, Jewelry box—emptied every drawer and flipped mattresses. Two houses behind this house were hit week before between 10-1 pm...smash & grab.

March - Vandals attempted to break into outside attic entrance @ 2 in the morning. Husband woke up and they escaped in their vehicle.

January - Home invasion. Burglar entered the house, alarm went off, residents locked themselves inside bathroom. Police came quickly, purse was taken but recovered down the block.

- Home invasion. Burglar entered the house and assaulted the resident.

Follow Up – Additional Questions

- ❖ See the Crime Prevention District tab at the Tara Civic Association Website:

taracivicassociation.com

- ❖ Any questions regarding the Tara Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District should be sent to:

tcpnid@gmail.com

- ❖ Any questions relating to the Tara Civic Association should be directed to the civic association at:

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