E.A.C.H. Neighborhood Association

Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 6th, 2018

Unity Hall, Community First Village

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Andrew Bucknall called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm, gave welcome invocation and asked for a moment of silence/silent prayer.

**ATTENDEES:** Andrew Bucknall, Patt Jackson, Amelia Jarema, Jennifer Brown, Brian Lynch, Dustin McCushion, Margaret Smith, Alan Graham, Tricia Graham, Tisun Wing, Bennie Pridgon

**GUESTS:** Matt Peritte, Kevin Kelly, Ora Houston, Jeffrey Travillion, Vicky Pridgen, Hilda Martinez, Alexandria Anderson, Brianna Ellsworth

**REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Motion made by Alan Graham to approve January Minutes, seconded by Brian Lynch, Passed by unanimous vote

Motion made by Alan Graham to approve February Minutes, seconded by Margaret Smith, Passed by unanimous vote

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Bennie Pridgon, who also works for Austin Energy, shared information about Emergency Document Bags. Helpful to keep all emergency documents in one place- more info at texasprepares.org.

Andy Bucknall gave Recap of last ANC East meeting. Stated the majority of attendees in support of Expo Center resolution.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**Crime & Safety-** Volunteers for block captains to be added to April agenda, Jennifer Brown to talk to APD about National Neighborhood Watch Program

**Community Garden-** Phase 1 work day to clear path will be held on Saturday, March 10th at 8am. Will have help from CFV volunteers.

**GUEST PANEL DISCUSSION:**

**Code Enforcement Presentation by Vicky Pridgen & Hilda Martinez**

* Passed out information flyers on common code violations.
* Last year their department received over 20 thousand calls to report code violations.
* They are a “reactive department”, instead of having officers constantly patrolling for violations, they rely on violations being reported to them.
* Their department has a code education and outreach team to let people know what code is and why it’s important.
* Beginning April 1st, the City will require carbon monoxide detectors in addition to smoke detectors, one for every room (on properties with natural gas, if no natural gas- just needed in garage). Code department currently doing outreach on this through radio, TV, and Social Media outlets such as Nextdoor.
* Code department strives to take educational approach instead of enforcement approach- want to work with people to find solutions.
* Good resources to assist senior citizens with Code Enforcement issues would be Urban League, Public Health, and County Health and Human Services.

**APD Presentation by Officer Matt Perritte & Officer Kevin Kelly**

* Serve the C$ Sector- Agave, Colony Park, LBJ, Harris Branch, Woodland Hills area.
* APD also works with Code Enforcement on notifying each other of problem houses do deal with quality of life issues, parking, noise violations
* Get a lot of calls about parking- no longer handle abandoned vehicles- that is another department, information in handout.
* Advice on preventing vehicle break ins- lock vehicles, don’t leave things in plain view, write down all serial numbers (electronics, etc.), everything that gets pawned, person gets IDs and serial # is entered into database that APD has access to.
* APD can assist with getting Neighborhood Watch started through the national program.
* Restrictions that the city has on builders/demands of families aren’t what they are now today- things changing. APD will come out if problems with sidewalks being blocked- but can’t change design of things like width of roads etc., so they need to work with individual communities on individual concerns.
* Austinpolice.gov, trying to develop web design to make it easier to serve. Facebook, Nextdoor, getting into Twitter, trying to improve outreach efforts since a lot of people using Social Media now.
* APD goes by highest priority areas for calls of service, and our area out here is lower crime than others.
* For requests to reduce speed limits, call 311. County/City can put up a speed trailer or can request police enforcement on motorcycle (can hide better to catch speeders).
* As far as calling things in for more police presence4 in our area, don’t need to call in every little thing you see - if not an emergency 311 will address. When calling, need to ensure you are calling the appropriate service to address and respond. Patrol goes to highest priority areas – downtown, riverside, airport, Del Valle, racetrack takes a lot of the resources. Calls for service are more concentrate din those areas. Please report when you notice things missing from your cars- we don’t know it’s happening if you do not report it.
* APD has same # of officers, but less cars right now- you’ll see a change now that the vehicles are being fixed/added (Carbon Monoxide recall). APD is looking to diversify auto makers in future purchases of patrol cars, so that if there is a recall it doesn’t have such a large impact like it has this time.

**District 1 Council Member Ora Houston & Precinct 1 Commissioner Jeff Travillion**

* Both gave brief introductions and thanked for invitation.
* Jeff Travillion said they need to hear from us so they they know what our concerns and priorities are.

**Camp Gladiator presentation by Alexandria Anderson & Briana Ellsworth**

* FREE preview week at Oak Meadows Elementary starting next week - open to all ages, all fitness levels. Outdoor fitness group. Fosters a great sense of community- closest camp location is in Manor- trying to bridge gap between Manor and Mueller area. Times are listed on Campgladiator.com website.
* Over 450 locations in Austin. Can put in zip code or address on their website to find something near you- you are able to go to as many locations in a day or week as you want to.
* Never cancel classes- have alternate locations in case of rain.
* Each week targeting something different (agility, strength, interval, endurance, etc.).
* Camp Gladiator reps do socials and different types of events- can come out and do a lunch and learn at your work, etc.

**School Safety Presentation by Margaret Smith, EACH member and Behavior Specialist at McAllum High School**

* Be aware, pay attention- is someone propping doors/leaving them unlocked, are teachers wearing ID badges, are visitors wearing badges, etc. Please tell someone if you notice anything.
* APD C.R.A.S.E. training is a good planning tool for worst case scenarios.
* All AISD schools are equipped with locked doors and swipe in badges- high schools are less compliant with these because it’s harder- more people going in and out.
* Important to talk to your kids so they know what do be aware of and what to do in a crisis situation.

**NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME:**

The next Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April3rd, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community First Unity Hall

**ADJOURNEMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm