



**MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY TASK FORCE  
MINUTES  
September 20, 2006**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Theresa Michaelson  
Kristin Stauffer  
Samuel Johnson  
Esther Patt  
Norma Linton  
Diane Marlin  
Michael Bily  
Barry Weiner  
John Roska  
Laurel Prussing, Mayor

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Richard Rebman  
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**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jim Gitz  
Libby Tyler

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**Call to Order**

Mayor Prussing called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of August 16, 2006 were reviewed. A motion was made by Barry Weiner to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Esther Patt. All voted aye. The minutes for the meeting of August 16, 2006 were approved.

**Updates on Study Topics – Landlord Education**

Libby Tyler distributed information about a workshop she attended which was sponsored by the City of Bloomington. She reviewed some of the highlights from the seminar.

Ms. Tyler suggested that a similar workshop could be co-sponsored with the City of Champaign, Tenant Union and the Apartment Association to bring the trainer here.

### **Police Matters**

Mayor Prussing asked Chief Bily about the Citizen's Police Academy.

Chief Bily indicated that he is always looking for volunteers for Citizen's Police Training.

Mayor Prussing suggested having some training on how to deal with situations in the neighborhoods.

Esther Patt suggested having a brochure on how to engage with the police when there is a problem in a neighborhood.

### **Rental Registration Program**

Jim Gitz distributed a summary of changes made to the proposed Rental Registration Program Ordinance.

A discussion followed.

Esther Patt raised concerns about the time frames for not getting code violations fixed. She indicated that there does not appear to be any consequences when the landlords ignore the first notice.

Libby Tyler gave statistics of the 2005 systematic inspections. She stated that there were 38 complaints and 35 were resolved within the 30 day time period.

John Roska stated that the ordinance should have some teeth so that the landlord does not blow off the first notice.

Mayor Prussing suggested having a chart with time frames for filing and processing a complaint.

Jim Gitz discussed fine structures.

Diane Marlin what the time frame would be for getting this ordinance passed, once council reviews it.

Mayor Prussing stated that there will be a public hearing on September 25 with a vote to take place on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Nuisance Ordinance**

Theresa Michaelson indicated that after speaking with Chief Bily, it does not appear that a nuisance ordinance would be the way for the City to proceed. This item should be taken off of the agenda.

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**Next Meeting Date**

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room. One of the topics will be a follow up by Officer Johnston on a breakdown of crime types.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jolinda Ross  
Recording Secretary