



**MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY TASK FORCE
MINUTES
February 20, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Moreland
Diane Marlin
Theresa Michaelson
Kristin Stauffer
Mike Bily
John Roska
Betsey Cronan
Norma Linton
Samuel Johnson
Esther Patt
Laurel Prussing

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Richard Redman
Al Johnston
Dave Barr
Barry Weiner

OTHERS PRESENT: Gordon Skinner
Pat Connolly

I. Call to Order

Mayor Prussing called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of October 24, 2006 were reviewed. A motion was made by Mike Bily to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Esther Patt. All voted aye. The minutes for the meeting of October 24, 2006 were approved.

III. Updates on Study Topics – Police Department Suggestions for Changes in City Ordinances

Chief Mike Bily distributed a handout of suggested ordinance changes (see attached). These suggestions were made by members of the police department. Chief Bily and Asst. Chief Pat

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Connolly reviewed the following proposed ordinance recommendations:

Nuisance Party Ordinance
Cannabis Possession (small amounts) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia Prohibited
Aggressive Panhandling Prohibited
Fighting Prohibited
Unlawful to Carry or Use Sling and Air Guns Prohibited
Noise and Vibration Ordinance
Curfew Ordinance
False Alarm Ordinance
Ability for U of I Police to Enforce Urbana Ordinances

Discussion followed.

There was a discussion about the curfew ordinance and Chief Bily discussed how decisions in appellate case cases have made it difficult to prosecute curfew violations. He indicated that it is now a very difficult ordinance to prosecute. The current ordinance was discussed. The Police Department is still looking at ways to improve this ordinance.

Esther Patt stated that it seems that Police response to noise complaints has improved in the last year or two.

Asst. Chief Connolly indicated that dispatch is doing a better job of notifying the officers that a call was made to the address previously for noise and as a result the officers are doing a better job.

Chief Bily reported that there is a new beat that has been added. He stated that 64 has been split and there is now 65. The Chief showed the group the map that shows where each beat is located. He also discussed staffing levels.

IV. Future Goals

Chief Bily will present 2006 Crime Statistics at the next meeting.

Sidewalk Safety

Snow Removal from Sidewalks

Crime Statistics in Problem Apartments

Neighborhood Watches designed for Apartment Complexes

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V. Next Meeting Date

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jolinda Ross
Recording Secretary