



**MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY TASK FORCE
MINUTES
May 22, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Betsey Cronan
Diane Marlin
Theresa Michaelson
Alan Johnston
Esther Patt
Norma Linton
Mike Bily
Libby Tyler
John Roska
Laurel Prussing

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Richard Redman
Dave Barr
Barry Weiner

OTHERS PRESENT: Candace Godbolt

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of April 17, 2007 were reviewed. A motion was made by Theresa Michaelson to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Esther Patt. All voted aye. The minutes for the meeting of April 17, 2007 were approved.

III. Updates on Study Topics – Sidewalks

Mayor Prussing reported that she is going to check with the City of Champaign and also with the cities of Lafayette, IN and Bloomington on what their policy is for sidewalk snow removal. She indicated that there would need to be a triggering for the ordinance to be enforced, maybe something like a public service announcement designating snow routes and that the sidewalks need to be kept free of snow.

Mayor Prussing indicated that she would bring back some information for the next meeting.

Crime Statistics

Chief Bily distributed information on calls for service in apartment complexes.

Chief Bily reported that at Woodstone and Scottswood Manor crime is going up since they were purchased by a new owner. He indicated that City has been in contact with the new owner.

Libby Tyler reported that all apartment complexes have registered under Rental Registration.

A discussion followed.

Neighborhood Watch in Apartment Complexes

Al Johnston reported that he has checked with the cities of Bloomington, Normal, Decatur, Danville and Champaign. He indicated that Bloomington requires 70% of tenants in an apartment complex to be involved and as a result they have no watches in apartment complexes. He stated that Danville does not have one.

Officer Johnston reported that at Silver and Vawter there are 3 buildings that have formed a neighborhood watch. He indicated that it is much harder to start a watch in apartment buildings than in residential housing because of the turnover.

IV. Future Goals

There were no suggestions for future goals.

V. Next Meeting Date

It was agreed that the next meeting date would be September 18, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jolinda Ross
Recording Secretary