



**MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY TASK FORCE  
MINUTES  
September 18, 2007**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sam Johnson  
Mike Bily  
Libby Tyler  
Norma Linton  
Theresa Michaelson  
John Roska  
Mayor Prussing

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Richard Redman  
Dave Barr  
Barry Weiner  
Jerry Moreland  
Diane Marlin  
Esther Patt  
Al Johnston  
Betsey Cronan

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**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 May 22, 2007 were reviewed. A motion was made by John Roska to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Samuel Johnson. All voted aye. The minutes for the meeting of May 22, 2007 were approved.

**III. Updates on Study Topics – Apartment Complex Analysis**

Mayor Prussing amended the agenda to add Analysis of Problem Apartment Complexes.

Chief Bily distributed information on crime reports from January to August of 2007. He reviewed this information with the group. He commented that it should be noted that Gabe's Place was empty for part of the year.

Chief Bily reported that calls for service continue to go up for Scottswood Manor and Woodstone and that they are continuing to track these two separately. He stated that the City has been in contact with the owners and has been told that both buildings are for sale.

Chief Bily also distributed information on Calls for Service. He reported that the calls for service are divided by units so that a better comparison can be made.

Mayor Prussing asked Ms. Tyler how Rental Registration was going.

Ms. Tyler reported that it has tightened some things up and Community Development now has a good data base.

### **Updates on Study Topics – Nuisance Party Ordinance**

Chief Bily distributed a copy of the proposed Nuisance Party Ordinance that he had distributed at the February meeting. He reported that the City of Champaign has passed this ordinance. He stated that he would like to find out from them what kind of success they have had with it.

Chief Bily stated that most of the parties that his department responds to are for loud music or underage drinking.

Norma Linton asked about increasing the fines for noise for repeated calls.

A discussion about noise complaints followed.

Chief Bily explained the current policy on noise complaints. He also reported that over the last few years, the City has contracted with the University of Illinois Student Party Patrol to help with calls about parties and noise. He stated that the cost for that contract is \$5,000 a year and it has now expired. He added that the City will use the extra \$5,000 to beef up patrol in those areas.

Chief Bily reported that his officers wrote 30 NTAs for loud music and underage drinking last weekend. He indicated that when there is a problem party, the policy would be to shut the party down. He reported that recently that procedure has come into question by the Courts. He stated that the Nuisance Party Ordinance would give authority to shut a party down.

Samuel Johnson asked what the police department does about cars parking in yards.

Chief Bily indicated that the police can write tickets for parking in yards and people should always call the police and let them know of such.

### **Updates on Study Topics - Sidewalk Snow Removal**

Mayor Prussing reported that she has spoken with the Urbana School District. She stated that asking them to help with sidewalk snow removal is more complicated than one may think. She suggested that she would like to try to have something in place prior to the next snow storm.

She had intended to ask the School District to use their equipment clear more sidewalks but found that they had to hire contractors to help this past winter.

Mayor Prussing reported that the City of Champaign did pass that in the University District snow must removed in front of businesses. Some cities have volunteer programs.

There was a discussion about ways to get sidewalks cleared in the City.

Chief Bily suggested an "adopt a sidewalk program" similar to "adopt a highway".

#### **IV. Future Goals**

Theresa Michaelson suggested doing a tour of the blighted areas.

Norma Linton indicated that she would like an update on Rental Registration.

#### **V. Next Meeting Date**

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

#### **VI. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jolinda Ross  
Recording Secretary