



**MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY TASK FORCE  
MINUTES  
October 7, 2008**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chris Stohr  
Norma Linton  
Libby Tyler  
Chief Mike Bily  
Theresa Michaelson  
Larry Robinson  
Sam Johnson  
Betsey Cronan  
Mayor Prussing

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Curt Borman, Assistant City Attorney

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**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Prussing called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of April 15, 2008 were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. The minutes of the meeting of April 15, 2008 were approved.

**III. Discussion of Proposed Nuisance Ordinance**

Curt Borman reviewed the proposed ordinance that was distributed in the packet. He stressed that this ordinance is intended to deal with the worst case scenario.

Mr. Borman stated that this ordinance would allow the police to declare that a "social gathering" or "party" is a "nuisance" if it fits into the defined criteria. In addition, the police could assess responsibility with the tenant or owner of the property.

Mr. Borman stated that prior to penalizing the landlord; he would need to have something in the records that indicates that the landlord has been notified of the behavior or the tenant.

Discussion followed.

Chief Bily stated that he believes that 98% of the time the situation will be dealt with by the people present and will not require notifying the landlord.

There was a discussion about neighbors playing loud music and being generally loud. Chief Bily suggested that it is usually best for neighbors to work it out between themselves; however, if there is a problem, they should contact the Police Department.

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Libby Tyler reported that the City sends out flyers to new residents of apartments on the regulations.

Betsey Cronan reported that WUNA has a brochure that they hand out with ordinance violations listed.

There was a consensus of the group that the Nuisance Ordinance should be forwarded to the City Council.

#### **IV. Follow up on Crime Incidents in Southeast Urbana**

Chief Bily reported that through the end of August crime overall was down 16%. He also indicated that the City has been on a decline.

Chief Bily reported that he and Libby Tyler met with about 10 apartment owners who were given their crime statistics. Almost all had a decline on calls for service. There has been a huge decline for Sunnycrest II. There has also been a decline at Woodstone, but their occupancy rate is very low.

Chief Bily addressed the crimes related to some recent news paper articles and explained the situation in the ones he was aware of.

#### **V. Future Goals**

Norma Linton asked about a pick up or recycling of chemicals. Mayor Prussing indicated that she would check into this.

Mr. Borman stated that Home Depot may accept fluorescent bulbs.

#### **V. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be held in February or March. If someone has an item that needs to be discussed prior to that, they can contact Jolinda Ross and an agenda can be established.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jolinda Ross  
Recording Secretary