



**MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY TASK FORCE
MINUTES
February 24, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Marlin
Sam Johnson
Chief Bily
Libby Tyler
Barry Weiner
Theresa Michaelson
Esther Patt
Betsey Cronan
Norma Linton
Mayor Prussing

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald O'Neal, City Attorney
Michelle Brooks, Assistant City Attorney
Barbara Lewis, UCAP
ACOP, Pat Connolly
Antonie Ronet, Daily Illini
Durl Kruse
W. Wayne Johnson
Neil Parthum

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Minutes

Due to the anticipated discussion on the Chronic Criminal Nuisance Ordinance, the approval of the minutes of the October 7, 2008 meeting will be deferred until the next meeting.

III. Year End Crime Statistics

Chief Bily distributed information on crime statistics for 2008.

Esther Patt asked about crime for the apartment buildings.

Chief Bily reported that in looking at 2008, most complexes have improved with the exception of one or two. He stated that Scottswood is still a problem and Sunnycrest II has improved since being purchased by new owners.

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IV. Discussion of Chronic Criminal Nuisance Ordinance

Mayor Prussing introduced a proposed ordinance called the "Chronic Criminal Nuisance Ordinance". She reported that a draft of this ordinance along with a memo from her was included in the packet. She has made some changes to this proposed ordinance since the first draft that this group received.

Ron O'Neal, City Attorney addressed the group and explained some background of developing this ordinance. He stated that this ordinance focuses on the nuisance aspect of criminal activity and would be used as a tool by law enforcement.

Mr. O'Neal distributed a memo that indicates the procedures for enforcing the Chronic Criminal Nuisance Ordinance.

It was agreed that this discussion would continue at the next meeting.

V. Future Goals

V. Announcements

There were no announcements.

VI. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on April 28, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jolinda Ross
Recording Secretary