



Rosemont Community Association

The Heart and Hands of Rosemont

MINUTES OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Held February 7, 2019

Attendees: Dee Gavaldon, Liz Lott, Jesus Mendoza, Larnell Gill, Carol Arbini-McFarland, Chris Peterson

Absent: Richard Leimbach, Gary Vorce, Alison Alexander, Jay Rutherdale, Xithlali Reyes

There were nine guests present.

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Due to lack of a quorum, there were no approvals or votes taken.

1. County

- Sheryll Venegas reported that, due to an accident at Kiefer Blvd. @ Watt Ave., the County will be reviewing the crosswalk situation. Sheryll will be retiring on March 30 after 35+ years with the County.
- Deputy Darren Quackenbush reported that crime reporting in Rosemont was on the rise in the last month, primarily auto burglaries/window smashes (approx. 40). Encouraged continued reporting online. Sgt. Johnson will be contacting the Crime Investigation Bureau to set up some “hot spots” in Rosemont and Lincoln Village in an effort to catch the perpetrators.
- The Central Division is working with the East Division to deal with transients the area. Neighbors may call 311 regarding transient issues and the County will refer homeless individuals to the Homeless Outreach Team.
- There was a woman in the area of the apartments on Tallyho Dr. making threatening statements. There were multiple calls to the Sheriff’s Dept.

2. Urban Agriculture Program – Janette Dubesa

Janette presented a preliminary proposal for an urban farm in the empty lot at Kiefer Blvd. & Mayhew Rd. Possibilities could include fruit/vegetable production, school field trips, County work projects, donation site for food banks or senior centers. Janette has done soil testing and there are no heavy metals. There are no irrigation issues. She is starting to put together a proposal, possibly for her own non-profit, and will need volunteers, funding and community partners. She has contacted Scott Singer at Rosemont High School who runs the culinary arts program, and he would be interested in the program for his students. Angela Tanner from Safetyville suggested that partnering with schools is the more effective way to get funding.

3. Graffiti

There were five tags that were removed. There was discussion about the wall at Manlove & Talisman getting heavy tagging. The resident can’t afford to have the wall repaired/painted. Alicia offered to keep up on the painting of tags if extra paint is purchased. More information will be provided at next month’s meeting on the costs and whether the board would consider using County grant money to spend on the wall. There was also discussion about painting a mural even though the location is not on a major street.

4. Park Watch & Neighborhood Watch Signs

A Park Watch sign needs replacing, plus extras need to be purchased. Also, there is a need for poles and supplies (cement, brackets, screws) for Neighborhood Watch signs where the residents don’t have light poles to which they need to be attached. Liz and Larnell will get costs and report back next month.

5. Annual Meeting

Date for the Annual Meeting is possibly Thursday, May 30. Frank Teran will prepare a slide/video presentation. The focus will be on RCA’s accomplishments and future.

6. Committee Reports

Communications – BETA website is ready to be reviewed by the board before going live (Frank Teran). 150 power banks will arrive next week (Kathy Gee).

Food Trucks/Beer Gardens – Food truck permits have been secured for March-October. Beer gardens will be held in May and October (Alison Alexander).

Community Celebration 2019 – Date set for August 10.

Neighborhood Libraries – Two applications have been received so far. Deadline for application is March 7 (Alison Alexander).

7. Treasurer's Report & Membership Status – emailed to board members on February 6 (Jesus Mendoza). No questions.

Angela Tanner, Safetyville Events/Programs Coordinator will be March's speaker.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.