

Broadmoor Crime Prevention & Improvement District

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

October 30, 2017, 5:30 pm

Broadmoor Methodist Church

Chair Marcelle DeSoto called the meeting to order.

I. ROLL CALL

The following commissioners were present: Marcelle DeSoto, David Broussard, Julie Brown White, Steven Graham, J. Clifford Grout, and Gary Littleford. Absent: Joni Leggio

II. Approval of Minutes from July 31, 2017 – Gary Littlefield moved, seconded by Julie Brown White and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from July 31, 2017.

III. Financial Report – In Joni Leggio’s absence, Linda Alwood presented the financial report to the board for their consideration. After review, Gary Littlefield moved, seconded by Julie Brown White and unanimously carried to accept the financial report as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Private Police Patrol Statistics: Cliff Grout presented a report showing crime statistics for July – September of 2017. He said we have had an increase during these three months in home break-in and vehicle burglary. The police reported arrests for two of the three home break-ins, and the third was an attempt. There has been an increase in vehicle burglaries, but the police said almost all the cars were unlocked. The police wrote 111 traffic citations during this three-month period. Grout advised the board that the private police have increased hours, per the board’s instruction at the last meeting.
- B) Proposed Camera RFP: Linda Alwood distributed a draft of a proposed camera RFP, but she said before the RFP is finalized, the board will need to give her some instruction as to the type cameras needed, who will monitor, how long will the files be maintained, etc. Gary Littlefield said the committee met, and they wish to go with a camera very similar to the ones installed in Tara Subdivision. He asked Linda to contact Tara to see how they handle the monitoring. Right now, we would like to look at placing the cameras at the following locations: 1) Goodwood/Airline; 2) Sharp/Goodwood; 3) entrance at Marilyn; 4) entrance at Cora; 5) Vine/Airline. In addition, we would like to look at purchasing signs indicating the subdivision is under surveillance for entrances without a camera. Some locations will have electricity readily available, but others will have to have electricity included. The board specifically stated they wish to have a turnkey bid to include electricity and installation. Marcelle DeSoto asked if we could find out what liability we might have by using the cameras. Linda will try to reach the parish attorney to see if she can obtain this information.
- C) New Banners: Gary Littlefield moved, seconded by David Broussard and unanimously carried to ask the Chair to appoint the following committee to work on selection of the additional banners to be used in the subdivision: Cliff Grout, Steve Graham, Terry Lawrence, Jason Stagg or Joe Rainert, Ellen Grout. The committee will report back to the board with suggestions.

OLD BUSINESS

- A) Possible increase in fee per year: The board agreed to keep this item on the agenda for the next meeting, while they collect more information relative to the cost of the cameras and other large capital expenditures. Linda will determine the dates any proposed increase would become effective, as well as determine how the 2020 year end to the funding would be handled.

IV. Open Forum

Mrs. Marge Hathorn, a resident of Broadmoor, addressed the board. She said the subdivision currently has 11 group homes, and three of them are on her block. Mrs. Hawthorn said this will affect the property values of all the subdivision, but particularly on the blocks where the homes are located. She urged the board to join in writing legislators and the mayor to try to get them moved. Cliff Grout advised Mrs. Hawthorn that the Broadmoor Homeowners Association has been fighting this for some time. There is a federal law that allows the placement of these group homes in subdivisions, and there is no way to fight it, other than to change the Federal Law. Terry Lawrence said he is putting a committee together to study this. He said he understand they cannot be closed because of the federal law, but we can stop inappropriate behavior. He is hoping the committee can help us get Congress to revise the law.

The board was asked by a Broadmoor citizen if Cora could be made a one-way street. The board said they had studied this and it is not possible.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Gary Littlefield, seconded by Cliff Grout and unanimously carried the meeting adjourned.

Julie Brown White, Secretary