

Rancho Benardo Community Council

Public Safety Committee Minutes

February 19, 2008

Location: High Country West Community Center

1) Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. In attendance: Keith Worthington, Jay Riordan, Karen Rott, Robin Kaufman, Gary Carlson, Pat White.

2) Minutes approved as written.

3) Reports:

- No Police or Fire report this month
- Neighborhood Watch:

Gary Carlson presented the following information:

1. NHW Board of Advisors meeting held Jan 9 at 9:00 AM at Library Storefront. Attendees included Paul Lennon, Ralph Parris, the storefront staff and 4 District Coordinators. Reports received on Police activity, Finances, Training Seminar, Emergency Preparedness, and Recruiting. New District B Coordinator, Cee Cee Wainwright from Eastview, was introduced. Meeting adjourned at 1030 and next Board meeting will be March 18.

2. Recruiting has been quite successful this quarter. Aside from the new District B leader, we have recruited about 6 new Area Coordinators. I am briefing the Oaks North Community Board Wed 20 February to build interest in our program and the recruitment needs in that community. We have identified a half dozen volunteers for our Communications Committee and Crime Committee. The Finance Committee headed up by Roger Wolfe has had two meetings and drafted a NHW Policy statement. The Communications Cmte will be tackling the problem of rapid resident alertment for community emergencies such as the firestorm.

3. The Crime Committee met on January 10. I presented 4 problem areas that committee needed to focus on. Hal StClair presented 2007 statistics for whole community and passed out the December detail Crime Watch report for discussion. The next meeting is March 6.

4. The formal training seminar for Block Captains has been rescheduled at the Library for Saturday morning April 19th. Pat White and her committee have done a great job advertising this seminar and arranging for speakers. An attendance of over 100 is anticipated. Details will be provided at our next PSC meeting.

5. We are upgrading existence of "NHW Signs" on street posts for all communities. Charlie Arnold, the new Storefront Office Manager, will direct the project with installation of close to 50 signs around all of RB to begin next week. We have identified a local Boy Scout Troop to help in the installation as a Scout Project. A PR article and picture was coordinated with the RB Sun.

6. I have attended the Coalition to Rebuild RB meeting at National Bank of SD under the leadership of Valerie Brown. Cindy Holmstrum from Westwood will be our NHW lead for this. Close involvement will be provided by Ralph Parris and Pat White who are focusing on a NHW Emergency Alert System.

7. We have made giant strides in getting our new website up and running. Under the leadership of George Cooke, a committee has brought rbnhw.com on line and started filling in content. Comments from the PSC are welcome.

-Pat White a letter of support regarding RB Emergency Disaster Alert System. It would support a link between CERT and Neighborhood Watch in the event of a disaster in our community. Volunteers would then be able to work together to notify residents and get them prepared when a disaster occurs. The letter was received positively by the committee and will be presented to the RB Community Council for full support.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Kaufman