

WAIA Fall Membership Meeting -- October 17, 2005

Minutes

- Mayor D. Walton introduces Richmond Police Department Chief Rodney Monroe. Chief Monroe discusses the following items related to crime prevention:
 - 3rd Precinct Team has been reorganized. Richmond is now organized into 12 sectors. WAIA area is covered in Sector 313. Sectors are designed to be “territory focused” and “call driven.”
 - Lt. Cindy Reilly is our “go-to” person in reporting crime in the neighborhood (3rd Precinct).
 - WAIA crime is fairly minimal compared to other parts of city, but there has been a sharp increase in car theft over the last 10 months. We should pay particular attention to car theft reports in the future.
 - Chief Monroe asks that WAIA members report all crimes (including petty larceny, theft and robbery) to RPD. Non-emergency line is: 646-5100. 3rd Precinct line is: 646-1211. By reporting crimes to RPD, even after the fact, the RPD may officially record the crime and monitor trends.
 - Chief Monroe supports WAIA reporting crimes to VCU police as well, but RPD cannot officially track crimes reported to RPD unless separate report is given to RPD. Chief Monroe states that VCU police monitor RPD radio calls, and therefore, both departments will hear calls from WAIA members regarding needs/issues in WAIA area.
 - Chief Monroe reports that RPD attempts to respond to non-emergency calls within 15-45 minutes and “panic” calls immediately.
 - Chief Monroe also reports that “Party Patrol” is still active and that RPD is currently working to fill 21 spots on the RPD force.
 - Finally, Chief Monroe states that the best way to help RPD is to stay in contact. For example, Chief Monroe suggests that if WAIA members are heading out of town, they may want to advise 3rd Precinct representatives so that additional watch/patrol of residence may occur.

Old and New Business

- Minutes from WAIA Spring 2005 Meeting are proposed by Mayor Walton, approved by membership, and recorded.
- Treasurer’s Report from Bernard Hebert given in his absence by Secretary White. WAIA current balance is \$2,654.47.
- Mayor Walton appeals for assistance with upcoming Halloween festivities and need for Block Captains.
- Jim Morse provides update on By-Laws review by Board and desire to have new By-Laws adopted by WAIA Spring 2006 Meeting.

- Wheeler Wood provides Parking Committee update. Mr. Wood reports that new permit procedures seemed to work more efficiently than in years past. Mr. Wood also asked members to consider whether “parking space” stripes on street would be desirable. Members in attendance generally do not want to see parking space stripes on street.
- Bill Creekmur provides VCU Relations Committee update. Mr. Creekmur reports that VCU has adopted a “New Strategic Plan for VCU by 2020.” Details of the plan may be viewed at: www.vcu.edu/2020/. The plan discusses development initiatives by VCU. Mr. Creekmur also reports that VCU Police Chief Fuller has asked WAIA members that experience problems with VCU students to call him directly at: 828-1234. Finally, Mr. Creekmur reports that the next VCU Community Advisory Meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2005 -- WAIA members may advise Mr. Creekmur of issues they would like addressed at the meeting.
- Marty Conn provides report on his work with the organization “Friends of Lombardy Park.” Mr. Conn reports that the organization is working with the City of Richmond to renovate and update the equipment and landscape in the popular neighborhood park. The organization needs to assist the city with funding and is looking to raise \$100K-140K. The organization’s fundraising and awareness campaigns will kick off with a festival at Lombardy Park on November 6, 2005 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Mayor Walton calls for any other business. No additional business is brought. Mayor Walton adjourns meeting.