

## **Minutes, Old Foothill Farms Community Task Force, 1/10/2018**

Chairman Mayer Wisotsky opened the meeting and announced this is the 14<sup>th</sup> year of the Old Foothill Farms Task Force meetings.

**Deputy Devin Folk, Sacramento Sheriff North POP Team:** There has been very little activity in the majority of Old Foothill Farms since our last meeting but more activity on the east end by Madison. He noted there were updated printouts in the back of the room and that there has been quite a bit of turnover in sheriff's officers. At the last meeting residents said they wanted to see Sacramento sheriffs in our area more often and that is happening in the evening hours. Crime statistics for the last 6 months of June through November were given; the number of crimes in November was 15 in OFF. So everything is lower than the average of 18 for Part 1 crimes.

**Deputy Dave Lee, North HOT Team:** There was a clean-up of Arcade Creek Friday. 3 or 4 people were taken to jail today. The HOT team is trying to provide the homeless with services by talking to them, taking a picture and having them fill out a survey. So they are trying to help the homeless. A question was asked about some fireworks but the deputy did not have any stats. A thank you was given for closing down the drug house on Andrea and Goldrun in New Foothill Farms.

A question was asked about the new marijuana laws which took effect January 1st. There will be no dispensaries in the unincorporated county. Also there are no outdoor grows permitted in the unincorporated Sacramento County. Up to 6 plants max are permitted inside a residence.

**Adam Stubbs, Code Enforcement Officer and Marijuana Officer:** For questions about building compliance, contact Adam. There was a question about leaving an RV on the street for a month. Contact Code Enforcement (311) if it is abandoned. If a resident is living in it, it is a parking violation, call 311. A detached trailer must be hooked to a vehicle on the street. The 311 AP is still available.

**CHP Officer Andrew Welsh, North Sacramento CHP POP Team:** The email address to contact is [250pop@chp.ca.gov](mailto:250pop@chp.ca.gov). Tell the situation, the vehicle, suspect, and any other details. Take a photo if able and safe. Old Foothill Farms is one of the better neighborhoods. There is an issue of speeding on Garfield which is being enforced by CHP. They believe in enforcement and "education," which can include citations. Many homeless are sleeping in vehicles. You can call CHP or the Sacramento Sheriff. There was a trash dump around a truck on Walnut, north of Auburn today. There is an upcoming CHP Explorer Open House, Wednesday, January 17, 6:30 PM, at the CHP, 5109 Tyler Street.

**OFF Community Task Force Chair Mayer Wisotsky:** He discussed the surveys filled out last year by residents.

If you are interested in participating in the Community Business Walk contact Barbara Harrison, 916 801-2172. Participants will ask the needs of businesses and how we can help. We are trying to get more businesses in our area as we are losing businesses.

Proposed Development on Garfield Avenue: A developer has proposed a new housing complex between Kencrest 4plexes and the theaters to CPAC, Community Planning Advisory Council, [www.per.saccounty.net/cpac](http://www.per.saccounty.net/cpac) [www.per.saccounty.net/cpac](http://www.per.saccounty.net/cpac). We are listed as Carmichael/Old Foothill Farms. The information regarding the proposed new development can be found on the 12/20/17 agenda. The address is 5856 Garfield Avenue, Sacramento, Ca 95841. It came to CPAC due to the need to change the subdivision map. The proposal is to divide .86 acres into 15 lots in the RD20 Zone. This item was a carryover from the Council's November meeting. The Council recommended that the applicant rethink the proposal. When this is done, it should come back to CPAC.

If anyone wants to do a follow-up before then, they can register with the county to view info on future meetings, or they can wait until Dwight Milloy, who is our representative on CPAC (916 745-5346) receives notification of when the item will be on the agenda. The next CPAC meeting is 1/17/18; however, this project will not be on that agenda. To register, go to: <https://publicgovdelivery.com/CASACRAM/subscribe/new>. The control number is: PLNP2017-00280, Garfield Townhouses.

Tree Planting: The trees are free but you have to dig the hole. A representative from the Tree Foundation will be at our next meeting March 14.

WE NEED HELP! 1-2 hours per month to pass put fliers and just get involved. We have a lot to do so we must be proactive. Contact Barbara Harrison, 916 801-2172 to volunteer. The Old Foothill Farms Community Task Force has been operating for 14 years. Residents can also contribute as a charity for funding. Come to the Steering Committee meetings to help as well.

**More questions for CHP Officer Andrew Welsh:** It was noted, "Garfield is a thoroughfare." There is increased traffic on Garfield. Contact the CHP for issues. CHP is working the entire stretch of Garfield. CHP is also looking at roadway improvement.

At Yellow Pine Way and Garfield, vehicles from the Garfield Apartments across the street are parking clear to the south corner on Garfield. Therefore, pulling out onto Garfield from Yellow Pine Way either left or right is dangerous because the parked vehicles block the view of approaching traffic on Garfield. CHP will check this out and contact Department of Transportation about painting a red curb.

At Greenback and Garfield, a 4<sup>th</sup> lane is needed to turn left. In the 4<sup>th</sup> lane, merging onto the freeway is not working out. CHP will look into this too.

North on Garfield past Shenandoah, people are doing U turns frequently. CHP will also put this on the list.

Officer Welsh said to email any other locations you feel are an issue, again [250pop@chp.ca.gov](mailto:250pop@chp.ca.gov).

The County Transportation Department's website is [www.sacdot.com](http://www.sacdot.com).

**More from Chair Mayer Wisotsky:** Question about the Rosie's property on the corner of Garfield and Auburn, it is for sale and we have contacted the Fat family that owns it.

There was a question about the old Save Mart location. The owner will not do the upgrades required for business use. It was mentioned it is a magnet for the homeless unfortunately, as well as the 99 Cent store. The Committee for the Grocery Store has contacted other outlets about coming into our area but none have been interested at this time.

Chair Witostsky said we are going to attend the meetings of both Susan Peters and Sue Frost because Old Foothill Farms is under both County Supervisors.

Also a long time store here over 30 years, the Bird Shop previously located on Auburn Blvd between the fireplace store and the boxing location has moved out.

Re the Old Ally Katz on Auburn Blvd, we are working to get something good in this building.

Fringe businesses, we can have input re what comes in here as a community.

Michael Baker, Twin Rivers School District Board member was introduced. Any problems, contact Michael.

We are in need of fun raising activities. If you can help or have ideas, let Barbara Harrison 916 801-2172 know.

**Next meeting is March 14, 6:30 PM, Pioneer Elementary School.**