

GTNA Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2020
6:30 – 7:35 p.m. meeting via Zoom Meeting

Attending: Jay Russell, Jane Sarafiny, Stan White, Judi Duncan, Donna Miller, Dana Russell, Mayo Ewanowski, HJ Waukau, Kathy Batha, Chuck Kime, Christian Albouras

Meeting started at 6:30pm.

September Minutes were approved.

Ms. Sarafiny and Mr. Albouras were at an in-person neighborhood meeting with Captain Patton of the Madison Police Department and others near the corner of Greentree and Piping Rock. It was a follow up to concerns from neighbors about crime in the area. There have been other public safety meetings where neighbors could vent, ask questions, learn about next steps. One goal is to identify younger kids who are at a higher risk to engage in criminal activities when they get older. Another goal is not just to arrest but provide opportunities for these youths. However, resources are not always available and will take time for this to happen. Some next steps were discussed. Mr. Albouras will provide them to Ms. Sarafiny who will distribute them.

Stolen cars are a big percentage of the crime, there are a lot of guns out there. Need to get resources to kids but it is hard to get the resources. It could take 5-6 years for this to happen.

Ms. Duncan has been in contact with Orchard Ridge neighborhood President Mike Thomsen. Their neighborhood will be putting out Good Neighbor signs that say, for example, turn on lights, close garage doors, etc. The signs are \$5.90 each plus \$.90 for the wire frame. Ms. Duncan will contact Mr. Thomsen about ordering for the Greentree neighborhood also. It was decided to order 40 signs for Greentree. We will post on News You Can Use asking for volunteers to put up signs on their lawns. Ms. Batha and Ms. Miller offered to deliver signs.

Ms. Ewanowski brought up an idea of getting email addresses to communicate with neighbors. She has done that successfully in her part of the neighborhood. A discussion followed about how to gather email addresses and how people would react. Ms. Sarafiny will talk to Mr. Dean Ziemke who has the master database of contact information. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Ms. Duncan will be the area rep for Area 4.

Halloween was discussed as there has been no guidance from the City on trick or treating. Many people are not comfortable with kids coming to the door. Mr. Albouras will put something on his blog that trick or treating is not recommended and will talk with the Public Health Director about guidance

The damaged Greentree Neighborhood sign on Struck and Schroeder was discussed. Mr. Kime will talk to his neighbor about it.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.

Next GTNA Board meeting is Monday November 2, 2020 starting at 6:30 p.m. and will be held via a Zoom meeting session if not in person.