

Waco Community Watch Meeting

9/3/2024

Meeting Opened at 6:30 P.M.

Topics discussed are as follows:

- 1- Adult male seen sitting on the porch of the Community Center, and a vape was found lying on the porch.
- 2- Bicycle found lying on the ground beside the old building on Putnam Street that belongs to Marvin Hutchinson. No one appeared to be around, and not sure if someone could have been inside the building or not.
- 3- Mayor John Barrett informed the group that Mr. Hutchinson had contacted him to tell him that the Community Watch Group had done a great job on the Back to School block party, and that he was very pleased with all that we had done for the community.
- 4- A Community Watch member informed the group that the police patrol at the Waco Post Office has increased from around 1:00 A.M. to 3:00 A.M.
- 5- Group discussed moving the starting time of the Block Party to 11:00 A.M. instead of 10:00 A.M. due to community residents did not start showing up until around 11:00 A.M..
- 6- Group discussed continuing the face painting, water balloons, kiddie pools, and water slide for 2025 due to these were huge successes.
- 7- Group decided that they will not be putting together backpacks with school supplies for the block party in 2025.
- 8- Group discussed the high importance of recruiting more volunteers to help with community events along with recruiting more Community Watch Group Members.
- 9- Group discussed advertising in the Shelby Shopper for the 2025 Back To School Block Party for Waco.
- 10- Attendee from MMBC suggested using Shelby radio station to advertise for the Block Party also.
- 11- Discussed updating the Waco Face Book Page for contacts for residents to sign up to volunteer to help with community events.
- 12- Group discussed the possibility of doing a Trunk or Treat; however attendee from MMBC informed the group that the church does a Trunk or Treat at the church, and that the Community watch Group could join with the church for this event. Group decided to just let MMBC do the Trunk or Treat event for 2024.
- 13- Discussed Town of Waco Christmas Parade, and members contacting local businesses for potential sponsorship/donation for a float in the parade or being a participant in the parade, and having an advertisement sign attached to a float in the parade. The following business will be contacted by the following group members:

Ross Used Cars – Nadisha Tyrell
Southern States – Nadisha Tyrell
Waco Stop & Shop – Nadisha Tyrell
Chicken Hill Convenience – Nadisha Tyrell
Washington Elementary School – Nadisha Tyrell
Cleveland Lumber – Traci Chichester
Mike Smith Fencing Co – John Barrett
Consolidated Textiles – John Barrett
Sandys Country Christmas – Kim Hamilton
Coleman Electric – Kim Hamilton
All American Bounce House – Kim Hamilton
Blue Crew MC Club--- Kim Hamilton
Crafty Cleaners – John Barrett
Vickie Spurling Realty – Kim Hamilton
Cherryville Dance Studio --- John Barrett

- 14- Group discussed also checking with each business that wants to sponsor a float or make a donation for the parade to have a sign for their business, and will they provide their own sign.
- 15- Group decided that sponsorship and donation money will be used on material for decorations for floats; along with Town decorations.
- 16- Group has come up with four potential floats:
 - 1-Winter Wonderland --- by the Tyrell Family
 - 2- Santa's Sleigh --- by the Hamilton Family
 - 3-Polar Express ---
 - 4- Night Before Christmas ---
- 17- Group discussed providing Snacks & drinks for the parade participants, and asking Waco Fire Department to allow us to set up the snack table inside the fire department since the parade will start there.
- 18- Group discussed parking for the event, and confirmed that the following locations can be used for parking for parade attendees: Town Hall, Waco Baptist Church, MMBC, Lot beside the Community Center, and field beside of Tiffany Lotts house on Main Street.
- 19- Confirmed that Burns Varsity Football Team will participate in the parade, and will help with directing parking.
- 20- Group decided that all parade participants needs to be verified by 10/7/2024, and that all finalizations for the parade has to be completed by 11/7/2024, or parade will need to be cancelled.

No further topics were discussed, and no one had anything else to add at the meeting; therefore meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M..