

2017 Adopt-a-Spot Jackson-Mahon Community Engagement Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 – 6:00pm – 7:00pm – St. Joseph's

The North & East Lubbock CDC connected the Jackson-Mahon neighborhoods residents with the City of Lubbock Police Department to host the first of several neighborhood meetings featuring different city departments and action planning sessions. Following the meeting, the residents and NELCDC staff had sandwiches, cake, and drinks.



NELCDC Introduction and Housekeeping Items

Lewis Vega, NELCDC Program Manager, provided the following opening comments:

- Lewis explained the meeting schedule and topics for the April – July meetings
- Lewis discussed the survey results for the Jackson-Mahon neighborhoods survey
- Lewis mentioned the Next-Door App as a resource to help neighbors stay connected and engaged with goings on in their community
- Lewis requested residents pass out schedules for the future neighborhood meetings
- Lewis discussed NELCDC programs and the NELCDC target areas
- Mr. Vega introduced Legal Aid Representative, Mark Oualline, who explained Legal Aid's services regarding property titles
- Marisa Huerta introduced herself as someone wanting to become a representative for the Jackson area

Following these opening statements, Mr. Vega transitioned the conversation to the four officers present from the City of Lubbock Police Department. The following topics below were discussed.

Neighborhood Safety – Homelessness

- LPD gave their introduction and a resident made a comment about a certain apartment complex in their area and how the community used to be peaceful but not anymore due to people sleeping the park and on the dumpsters in their backyards
- LDP stated that they need to know this information - contact them and let them know what's going on in the area
- LPD stated that they try to steer homeless individuals to the Salvation Army and finally to jail as a last resort
- Resident asked what can be done about homeless individuals trespassing – LPD stated to call them immediately when such an incident occurs

Neighborhood Safety – Drugs

- Resident made a comment about a trailer park behind Amigos – how it is not meeting code and houses drug activity
- LDP stated that they are aware of issue and are investigating to make it better
- Resident made a complaint about a drug house on their street Ave R and Caesar Chavez – LPD stated that if the police are not called they never know it's a problem
- LDP discussed narcotics and how to report it without giving your information but rather the location of where the incident is happening.

Neighborhood Safety – Homelessness, continued

- Resident reiterated question about the homeless and wanted to know what is being done by LDP to take of the issue
- Another resident asked about their rights to handle homeless individuals destroying their private property and when to call and not to call LPD about a problem – LPD stated to call 911 anytime there is an emergency and to call the non-emergency line for non-emergencies

- A resident wanted to know their rights in a situation of a homeless individual vomiting on their property – LPD stated that the police should have been called because the incident happened on their property
- A resident brought of a concern about the need for more police assistance in their area because of homeless individuals hanging around school zones and approaching children in their area – LPD stated people should talk to their children about strangers
- LPD restated that if they are not called about problems then they do not know problems are occurring
- LPD stated that there is a curfew for parks and if residents see any suspicious activity they need to call the LPD

Neighborhood Safety – Neighborhood Watch

- LPD stated that they watch for certain activity based on calls they receive, and also that they sticker abandoned vehicles that are called in
- LPD expressed that repeat calls from residents are good because it helps ensure someone from the LPD will come to check out the issue
- Resident made comment about the need for a neighborhood watch to get to know the police officers that cover the neighborhood
- LPD expressed that they can come to neighborhood meetings in order become more approachable
- LPD explained the Next-Door app that Lewis mentioned in the meeting’s opening – LPD monitors the app and watches for the issues they see mentioned there
- Residents discussed a past issue with prostitution in there are – residents took care of the issue with a small neighborhood watch initiative
- Police reiterated that neighbors should call anytime they suspect suspicious activity

NEXT MEETING

Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Time: 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Location: *St. Joseph's, 102 N. Ave P*

April 18 Meeting Agenda: Codes Department & Animal Control

NELCDC will provide light refreshments

Attending the April 18 meeting:

- City of Lubbock Codes Department
- City of Lubbock Animal Control Department
- NELCDC Staff

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please contact the NELCDC office at 806-747-5937. Make sure to bring a neighbor to the April 18 meeting!

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