

Meeting Minutes 4/14/15

Timbergrove Manor Civic Club (TMCC) Special Meeting

Location: Lazybrook Baptist Church

Meeting Called to Order:

7:00 PM

Introduction and Call to Order by TMCC President Bill Morfey

The meeting was chaired by Chris Ochterbeck who reviewed purpose of meeting and review of questionnaire. Three (3) neighborhoods are being considered based on approximately 4,400 homes. By a show of hands there were residents from Timbergrove Manor, Lazybrook and Holly Park in attendance.

Presentations

S.E.A.L. Security – Experience in Oak Forest, 170 + officers, reviewed training, coverage area, 7,000 businesses, 70 communities, DPS certified, K-9, calls from dispatch, alarm monitoring, vacation watch, GPS tracking and dispatch center. Evaluation of effectiveness based on crime statistics. Some of the major points covered were as follows:

- Centralized Dispatch
- Home alarm monitoring
- Vacation watch
- Communications –Translation service
- Patrol vehicles
- Liability insurance \$13 million
- Patrol hours to be determined, typically a 40 hour week equates to one car.
- Rate is \$32/hour = \$1,280/week
- Contracts would be for a geographical area and have a 30 day termination clause.

Harris County Precinct One – Constable Alan Rosen and Representatives-Brief explanation of Constable's duties, including mental health warrants, juvenile warrants, environmental investigations, animal cruelty investigations, patrol, civil service and downtown courthouse security. Patrol Contract services reviewed including differentiation between a peace officer and security guard; use of leads on-line including burglary investigations, ability to pull over suspicious vehicles, mobile AFIS (fingerprinting), dispatching.

- Dedicated group of law enforcement officers.
- Response time of 2-5 minutes.
- Home security team that allow for homeowner to get insurance discount.
- Crime alerts pushed to residents including apprehension.
- 80/20 split between the contract and Harris County.
- Response Team available for high crime areas including plain clothes officers including un-marked vehicles bicycles, and motorcycles.
- Access to current law enforcement technologies.
- One dedicated officer for the area.
- \$76,000 per year for 40 hours, time to be determined in 8 or 10 hour shifts.

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H.P.D. Off Duty Services –Sgt. Chad Wall – The officer reviewed the program including:

- Proposed program involves 4 hour shifts to allow for flexibility and lower cost.
- The program is based on a 32 hours per week and there was a question concerning coverage.
- Program does not offer vehicle, but officer will provide magnetic stickers for personal patrol vehicles.
- Access to crime statistics and analysis of trends.
- Officers begin work after shift and various officers.
- Neighborhood would provide cell phone providing for faster response time.
- Officer has access to the HPD Central Dispatch.
- There was a question about which neighborhoods are currently served.
- No signage would be provided.

Following the presentations there was a brief question and answer session.

December 2015 was mentioned as the date to have a decision and recommendation concerning the use of contract services for neighborhood security.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.
