

**OSCA Meeting 8/2/2010**  
**Northwest Library Meeting Room**

Board Members Present

Ben Meehan

Jeremy Block

Suzy Baker

Meeting Start 6:38PM

Ben and Jeremy Began with accomplishments since last meeting

- 1) Park hours are now sunrise to sunset
  - a) Main driver was to give the police a reason to show up
- 2) Neighborhood Happy Hours people are gathering at host sites turnout is good
  - b) Good way to meet your neighbors, hosts are announcing on Facebook
- 3) Community Night Out
  - a) In the spirit of national night out
  - b) Sat Aug 21st
  - c) Inviting groups in the neighborhood to come on out for support

Suggestion From (Tracy Gaskins Scottingham)

Tracy stated that "Turtle Lady" is well liked at their neighborhood block parties she is close to our neighborhood.

Comment from Amy Cowan Sonnington

Started on Aug 3rd

Target will be at Olde Sawmill with about 200 Hotdogs Aug 3rd 6-8

This was VERY last minute, we were made aware Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> in the morning that they would be here on the 3<sup>rd</sup>

Meeting on Thursday Aug 4<sup>th</sup> for planning our community night out on Aug 21 we need much help

4) 4th Of July Parade

- a) About 30 kids
- b) Police Officer and fire truck was there
- c) Images are on facebook from the event it was good for the kids

Comment Ben Meehan, noticed new signs? On Sutter Pkwy for Kids Playing

Comment from Lisa Blackwell "Can we turn down car stereo?"

Graffiti response team announcement.

We are assembling a graffiti response team to help the team or to report graffiti email [park@oldesawmill.org](mailto:park@oldesawmill.org) We are doing this to try to make sure the graffiti gets covered up fast

Comment from Lisa - Take pictures of the graffiti before painting

6 foot fence neighborhood can we enforce this

Alan Asbury went into detail on the legal obligation of the association to enforce the deed restrictions.  
Plan to communicate formally on the website about this issue more in the near future

Carl from CPD Talked about starting a block watch in Olde Sawmill

Jackie contact CPD about starting a block watch

Carl has been a police officer for 25 years currently in the 17th precinct

15 groups to deal with

Block watch information is being passed out (Will be posted online in the future on the website)

Car break-ins are city wide a lot being caught but there are a lot of people that are doing it

Block watch is

- Group of residents working together to prevent crime

- Residents know the neighborhood better than the police, network with the neighborhood

- Coordinators are needed at the top of the network

- Police work with the coordinators

- need three meetings, this is the first of the three (The other two meetings are for interested people, about an hour)

- Pick Coordinators tonight and then Carl will come back to the next meetings

Carl has a large amount of resources that he can call up when it is needed

Patrol is very stressed 3 cruisers and 1 paddy wagon.

Role of the community is to be the eyes and the ears (no enforcement)

Carl recommends some websites

Crimereports.com

ColumbusPolice.org

311 is a good resource

Troy Hardgrove is the Code enforcement in our area (CPD is not code enforcement)

911 vs 645-4545 – call 911 for emergencies call 645-4545 for non emergencies

Olde Sawmill is in the 172 cruiser district

Jackie will set up the next two meetings (After those meetings we can be official)

## Questions

Is there a requirement for a number of people to be involved?

No, there as long as there is good interest

Is Block watch related to safe houses?

No, they don't do that anymore (Liability is too high for CPD)

Egged the house got make model plates, not able to press charges?

Carl will be a resource to help educate us on our rights and proper police business flow

3 shifts in the area (mid watch officers) 9AM-7PM 7PM-5AM

More information in the next meetings (We can post a lot of this on the website) Tuesday and Wednesday are the good nights for Carl

## More Questions for general issues

Diane Fov Southwick

What is the member count to date? What is being done to get more?,

137 members....we will do a membership drive but we need help

Have you considered PSA on Cable? Dublin Site? AM Radio? For communication

Yes, but we feel oldesawmill.org is the best ave for communication it reaches the most people

and we are 100% in control of it

Block Party's left to be held, we could send membership to these block party's.

Karen Yogus? Live on Seddon Street is crumbling what is pavement schedule?

Pat Jordan also emailed about looking into a stop sign at Stanburn and Sutter?

We will contact 311 for both of these issues to see about them

Received an email to share this news article <http://researchnews.osu.edu/archive/commviolence.htm>