

Minutes from October 21, 2010 Meeting

There were 10 members and 1 guest present.

The Treasurer called the meeting to order at 7:05.

The minutes were approved by the members.

Dave reported our current balance was at \$656.

The Webmaster led some discussion about the faded "Greenhurst" sign and the growth of the nandina bushes around the fence. Dave agreed to repaint the sign and trim the bushes. Nick mentioned the lady on the other side of the median who keeps the shrubs nicely trimmed and asked that we thank her. (Nick, if you give me an address I will send a thank you note. Marina)

Secretary reported that she would be in NYC in Nov. on the meeting date.

Following the meeting she called the Dor. Planning and Permit office and was told NO application for a liquor store had been requested.

She agreed to contact the Fire Station to find out when they will be doing the Santa run through the 'Hood so we can join it. This information will be available at the December meeting.

A question from the floor was raised about decorating the Center for Halloween. Marina put flags out for 9/11. The Center will be decorated for Thanksgiving with hay bales, pumpkins and Mums. (This was a donation from a worker at the Fair) Marina also contributed \$10 for a big pot of pansies which should last all winter.

There will be a decoration meeting at the center sign on DECEMBER 4th at 10AM to put up Christmas stuff. Rain date Dec.5th at 10 am. (Dave has last years decorations stored. Marina will pick them up 12/3)

All Greenhurst residents are welcome.

Under "Old Business" Marina reminded board members we need to finish approval of bylaws and add a provision for removal of a board member in case of malfeasance.

Troy Hodges said he is our Drainage and Ditch liaison with Dorchester County.

Guests were Sharon Sansbury and the new Mrs. Jeanne Treadway.

Captain Decker spoke about recent problems in Greenhurst and said overall it has been fairly quiet. He reported 3 stolen vehicles, 2 on Susan, one on Carmon. A Hit & run was reported on Miles and Brailsford. Another incident on Brailsford was a Credit card fraud report. 2 Larceny reports on Judith, vandalism on Braly, Susan, and Brailsford. Two incidents reported at 103B and 101A Susan.

January 2010 minutes from Greenhurst Crime Watch

There were 12 members and two guests, Dan and Sonia Furr from Greenhurst 3.

1. Dave Williams opened the meeting at 7pm. Copies of the November minutes were distributed and approved.
2. Dave gave the Treasurer's report. As of January we had \$611.22 in the bank. Some of this was from the Pizza meeting and the rest donations.
3. Bob clarified the questions from last month as to how long the term lasted for officers. (2 years) so the current has about 1 year to go. With the resignation of Lonnie Nichols as Coordinator this position needs to be filled. His wife Lisa was the secretary and Marina offered to take over this position and to remain on the group check book to fill in for Dave as needed.
4. Another suggestion from the floor was that the positions not end all at the same time so some experienced members are always present. Marina reminded the group that our funding source recommended that there always be an uneven number of voting members to prevent ties.

5. Our Current Slate of Officers

Bob Scargill: President
Dave Williams: Treasurer
Marina Sharts: Secretary:
Nick Nichols: webmaster
Rita Scargill: Historian
UNFILLED: Coordinator

6. Sheriff Bill Bense spoke to the group, relating where the "hot spots" were recently. He noted the most serious crimes were two burglaries. He passed out a sheet of tips to protect yourself from burglars. Dave asked about the program to check homes while the owners were away. It is still running. Sheriff Bense advised all members to contact the Sheriff @ 832-0330, or Crimestoppers @ 1-888-CrimeSC.

7. Dave and Paula accepted donations and the meeting was adjourned @8:10.

NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 18 at 7pm.

February 2010 minutes from Greenhurst Crime Watch

1. The meeting was called to order by Dave Williams. We had 9 members and 1 guest.
2. January's minutes were approved by motion to accept and seconded.
3. Dave gave the Treasurer's report. We have \$651.11 in our checking account. We had no outstanding bills.
4. There was no old business.
5. New business: There was a general discussion about when the officer's term of service began (June) so we need to be ready for trying to recruit new officers for the 2 unfilled positions. (Coordinator and Secretary). The Board members contributed good suggestions about having half the board members be replaced at a time so there is continuity and carry-over. In odd years positions of the President, Coordinator, and Treasurer will be up for election, and in even years the Co-Treasurer and Secretary will be up for election. This led to a discussion of the duties of these offices. It was agreed that at our next meeting we would have printed job descriptions and would make any changes needed. Also it was decided that we would appoint a person as interim to any vacant offices until the next scheduled elections.
6. With the discussion it became evident that we need written By -Laws to clarify issues which may arise in the future. Marina will draft some based on other organizations she is familiar with and when the draft is accepted we will vote on the adoption of the By-Laws.
7. Our guest, John Gombair from Dorchester County Sheriff's Dept. spoke about problems in the neighborhood and encouraged all residents to report suspicious or unusual activity. He told us the Sheriff's Dept. has a new web site.
8. Donations collected and meeting was closed after a reminder of the next meeting on 3/18.

March 2010 minutes from Greenhurst Crime Watch

Approval was given for the Feb. minutes.

New members welcomed

Treasurer's report: \$690 in our account.

Members reported problems with people standing in street and getting in front of cars trying to stop traffic. Watch out for this especially near Terry, Blackwell, Carmon.

Many areas looking "trashy".

Marina will decorate the Center for Easter.

Code enforcement needs to be called for people on Chalmers who have old AC parts in front yard. (done)

Some problems noted with kids riding bikes on Susan DR.

Captain Decker loaned us Crime Watch Job descriptions to make copies for our files. Ms. Rita will distribute at April meeting.

Possible 2 year terms in alternating years for Crime Watch elected officials.

Captain Decker said that vandalism is on the rise in other neighborhoods & to be on the watch for anyone suspicious. Please call him if observed.

WWW.DorchesterCounty.net is the web site for Dorchester Sheriff's Office.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

April 2010 minutes from Greenhurst Crime Watch

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

There were 9 members plus a new comer to the neighborhood named Micah and Dorchester Sheriff' Dept Representative.

There was some discussion of fast drivers and kids on Terry.

April minutes were approved.

Dave reported that there was \$700 in the treasury.

Nick brought in a quote for \$102 for signage.

Old business:

Marina reported that the trash situation at the end of Chalmers Lane was improved.

Reports of noise and traffic at 107 Greenhurst.

New business:

No new business.

Members reported persons walking behind Greenhurst and some storm drains appeared to be damaged by erosion.

One call re: property damage/vandalism reported.

Tabled for the present: election of officers for vacant position.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45

May 2010 minutes from Greenhurst Crime Watch

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Dave.

We had news that long time member Eula Cromarty passed away in May 13th. A suggestion to plant a shrub at the Greenhurst entrance in her name will be taken care of when the weather cools in the fall. (Marina)

We learned that President Bob had a fall and was hospitalized for several weeks.

Captain Decker let us know he would be hospitalized for a total knee replacement soon as well. The Board authorized flowers for him.

Our Webmaster let us know that he could put Greenhurst Garage Sales on our website if he received them at least a week ahead at <mailto:Webmaster@GreenhurstCW.org>. He will also list Greenhurst businesses. He told us that Miles Rd. Baptist Church now participates in the Angel Food Program.

Marina let us know she had notified all 4 District 98 candidates about our meeting and encouraged them to drop in. Only Christine Jackson responded.

Captain Decker let us know that Tuesday AUGUST 3rd is National Night out. We learned about it too late last year.

- Susan Gillespie is the co-coordinator. Marina will try to get in touch with her.
- We will put out signs reminding the Greenhurst residents of the event and if the board agrees we can set up a table in MRBC parking lot with beverages and cookies for a couple hours (7-9) pm.
- We will take a vote at the July meeting.
- A patrol car will be making the rounds through the neighborhoods.

A discussion was held with Capt. Decker about the rules of noise ordinance and primarily the attending officer must hear the noise to report it.

We had a former member return, Patricia Robins.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Minutes from June 17th meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Marina Sharts at 7pm. There were 14 people in attendance including new members Yvonne Solis (Bailey) Patricia Bolin (Mgr of Apts. behind Convenience store) Carol Day (resident of apts), Madlin Drayton (Bailey) Bryan and Danielle Johns (Teddy Ct.) David and Priscilla Ashworth. Haskell Brown, former office holder in Dorchester Co. and guests Frank Harris, Sheriff's Deputy.
2. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote by membership.
3. No Treasurer's report. Dave is out of town.
4. No status report from Bob due to recent hospitalization and ill health.
5. Webmaster: Nick has added current minutes to the website and links to a few home based businesses. He is willing to add more as members supply information such as a business card.
6. Old business: Marina has attempted to contact Susan Gillespie but no success so a proposal to host our own Meet and Greet Greenhurst National Night out was offered. Members need to vote tonight on the idea. Marina has checked with MRBC and there is no conflict with their parking lot on that date. She will do signage over our regular monthly signs about one week before the event. We need an ice tea /fruit punch table, and 5 dozen cookies. Can be store bought. Dave can check our supply of paper cups. Marina has napkins and trash bags. Need 2-3 people to greet and explain Crime Watch and 1 to hand out cookies and drinks. Please volunteer on the sign in sheet and include your phone number.

Our Guest Frank Harris addressed some of the new member's questions about how to deal with suspicious persons who may be on your property, especially at night. His recommendations were: DO NOT go out and confront these persons. They may be armed and violent! Call 911 and keep calling until they respond. Make sure your car and house windows are locked and your doors. This type of crime is based on opportunity. If you door is not open they will usually move on. Don't leave valuables in sight in your car. It is important to provide good information such as color/ make of car, how many persons, direction vehicle went etc., but don't interact with them to see license plate. He mentioned that the Sheriff's Dept website has information about gangs and noise ordinances.

The meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Minutes from July 15th Meeting

A BIG THANK YOU to the Old Fort Fire Department and the Sheriff's Department for helping to make our NATIONAL NIGHT OUT A SUCCESS!!

At the July meeting it was decided to drive through the neighborhood instead of setting up a greeting table. We really do not have enough members to do any large activities at this time. Many people came out to see what all the lights and sirens were doing as we drove through.

Dave opened the meeting at 7pm. The minutes from the June meeting were approved. Dave let the members know he would be using the meeting signs and covering them with neon poster board to let everyone know about Nat. Night Out. The Fire truck and Capt. Decker will meet at Dave's house and start the event about 8:15.

Dave reported that our current balance was \$647 but the expenses for poster board would need to be subtracted.

Bob has not been able to get out to give a status report.

Nick handed out business cards to be given to anyone who needs the important numbers. He has added more information to the Website.

No secretary report as Marina is in Knoxville this week.

Captain Decker is doing well after surgery and THANKED everyone for the kind words and the card. He updated us on the recent happenings in the neighborhood.

- There was an arrest for Breaking and entering on Terry, an assault on Susan Dr., destruction of property on Brailsford, burglary on Lisa, B&E at 109 Susan. Several thefts from autos Lisa and Brailey, larceny on Roberta, Criminal Domestic violence on Judith and Susan. Simple Assault on Roberta and burglary and theft at the apts. on 100 Bailey.

The details for National Night Out were finalized.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Minutes from August 17th meeting:

Guests:5, members 5. Minutes were approved by members.

Treasurers report: \$671. Dave would like to get our balance up a little in case of problems or emergencies. Suggestions for a fund raiser of some type were requested. Tabled until next meeting.

Webmaster has expanded the information available on our web site. Let him know if you have anything to add, such as new businesses, or links to other websites.

Secretary: we have not finished writing our bylaws. The board will meet when all are available to complete this task.

Guests: Lt William Bense

Lt. Bense gave the members a rundown of the problem areas in the Development for July and August

303 Brailsford	auto related
107A Susan	Violation of Protection order.
303 Brailsford	Motor Vehicle theft
306 Brailsford	runaway
134B Susan	Criminal violence
166 Braley	B&E
108 Braley	Property Damage
212 Terry	destruction of prop.
306 Brailsford	runaway
212 Terry	burglary
306 Brailsford	Burglary
109A Brailsford	suicide attempt
230 Braley	Burglary
110 Nancy	family CDV
202 Braley	
305 Brailsford	
126B Susan	Property
122A Susan	Property
200 Greenhurst	Phone calls
123A Susan	Trespassing
306 Brailsford	larceny
238 Judith	
119A Braley	CDV
128A Susan	MV
306 Brailsford	simple assault

It was noted that quite a few calls were from the Susan Dr. area. We discussed having an outdoor meeting there in October. Micah is willing to have us meet on his lawn. We will vote on this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

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Minutes from September 16th Crime Watch Meeting

Guests:

Christine Jackson, candidate for SC House district 98, and Campaign Manager.
Captain Decker from DCSO.

Only 5 members were present despite the Web master's sending out 30+ reminder e-mails.

General discussion agreed that people come out to a meeting when there is a problem in the neighborhood and after they "get it off their chest" they come back only when there is another problem. The Members expresses their concerns that our group is so small we do not have diversity or options for new officer candidates. A short discussion of ways to recruit new members was held.

- a. meeting notice in Post&Courier
- b. combining a meeting with another CW group
- c. another community supper or event

No decisions were made on these suggestions as two board members were absent.

2. Minutes were approved

3. Treasurer's report: same as last month

4. Webmaster report: Nick is still putting the Agenda and minutes up on the website and all this years minutes are there now.

5. Secretary's report: Marina turned over all email addresses she had from old attendance sheets to Nick. New attendance sheets were printed.

6. Old business: Bylaws have not been finalizes. The Board members will meet and get this done by January 20th meeting.

7 New business: We need to plan for replacement of board members in an emergency. This will be covered in the Bylaws.

8. Guest:

Christine Jackson. Mrs. Jackson was a resident of Greenhurst on Nancy Lane for several years. Some members pointed out that voting districts had changed and Miles Road appears to be the dividing line for about half of Greenhurst is not District 98. Marina will try to have more info on this by Oct. meeting.

Captain Decker reported that some crimes are down, but some, like theft appear to continue to be high. He let the group know that the Convenience store had applied for a permit for a RED DOT (liquor store) license. The group felt it was too close to the church and daycare. Rita and Marina will try to get more information before the next meeting on the status of the permit.

Of the 25 calls answered by Sheriff's office, 9 were from Brailsford and 6 from Susan Dr. 5 were from Braly. A meeting on Susan was proposed but the member from that street said he would like us to table the meeting for the time being. We will discuss other proposals in Oct.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.