

B BAR H Ranch Neighborhood

MEETING MINUTES

10am

Saturday, September 13, 2008

VFW Hall

Present:

Approximately 30 residents of the North and South B-BAR-H Ranch Neighborhood attended. A sign-in sheet was distributed, and the entire group agreed to share the contact list with each other at the next meeting.

Purpose:

Meeting to organize a community effort to participate in and encourage a safe and clean neighborhood.

1. Curtis Schway opened up the meeting at 10:06 a.m. and explained the general purpose of the meeting
2. Pat Carney informed residents of:
 - a. Earthquake drill to take place on November 13 & 14
 - b. CERT Training available on November 15 at CSUSB on Cook Street
 - c. Neighborhood Clean Up scheduled for October 11 at Bubbling Wells Elementary
 - d. Info is on the blog
 - e. Residents are encouraged to take all their trash, unused items, etc to the school
 - f. Neighborhood Conference October 25 @ CSUSB on Cook St
3. Deputy Sheriff Officer Lori Hardcastle gave a report on how to start a neighborhood watch and its benefits
 - a. Provided numerous brochures for the residents
 - b. Provided non-emergency phone number for central dispatch: 760-836-3215
 - c. Citizens are responsible for starting and organizing the neighborhood watch
 - i. Recommendations include:
 1. Block Captain for each block
 2. Meet every Two weeks
 3. Should have "lead" group consisting of a president, secretary, treasurer, etc
 - ii. Must purchase own signs
 - d. There are only 3 deputies and 1 Community Services Officer for our area
 - i. Deputies/Officers are based out of PD City Hall on Fred Waring
 - e. 911 calls go directly to CHP
 - i. Request to be transferred to the Riverside County Sheriff
 1. Sheriff Department is Criminal Only
 - f. Q&A took place
 - g. Toni informed residents about the Service Area 115 program available to them
 - i. A portion of property taxes are maintained in a separate fund
 1. As a tax paying resident, you can participate in the meeting and make "requests" for what you would like done with the money, i.e. road improvements, street lights, etc.
 - ii. Meetings take place quarterly at the VFW hall.
 1. Meeting notices are posted on the exterior hall bulletin board
 - iii. Residents are encouraged to attend
 - iv. The current representative for the SA 115 is:
Curtis Witt (works for So Cal Gas)
19673 Cottonwood (south b bar)
760-251-9456
760-902-4724
 - a. Officer Hardcastle may be reached via email at: lhardcas@riversidesheriff.org
4. Code Enforcement officer Mary Overholt reviewed code enforcement procedures, staffing, etc
 - a. Encouraged residents to visit BLOG. She expressed that it was a very good source and well done. A very good start.
 - b. Encouraged residents to attend the neighborhood conference
 - c. Q&A took place
 - d. How do you know if your road is public or private?
 - i. Officer Overholt will try to acquire a map, however, she encouraged residents to look up their property by entering their APN or Address on the County Land Management Web Site:
<http://www.rctlma.org>

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- e. A new ordinance 880/881, has recently been adopted to address the number of vacant/foreclosed homes. Currently there are approximately 8000 foreclosed homes in Unincorporated County areas
- f. She encouraged resident to take photos of concerns to include with their complaint
- 5. Individual Introductions including their reason for attending took place.
 - a. Open discussion about the issues and concerns were discussed
 - i. Neighborhood Watch
 - ii. Code Enforcement
 - 1. Crime
 - 2. Vacant Property Maintenance
 - 3. Trailer/Motor Home Parking & Storage
 - 4. Broken glass in street for 4+ months
 - 5. Graffiti
 - 6. loud noise
 - a. Wild/Loose/Neglected Animals
- 6. David W. Newton, President of the I-10 Corridor Neighborhood Watch shared his experience in starting a watch and offered us his assistance
 - a. They raise funds through:
 - i. Garage sales
 - ii. Donations
 - iii. Business sponsorships, etc
 - b. Suggested getting in contact with the National Sheriff Association as they are great source of information and support

**NEXT MEETING:
Saturday, September 27, 2008
10:00 A.M.
@ The VFW Hall**

Be sure to visit the Neighborhood BLOG
to stay current on what is happening in the neighborhood:
www.paintbrushtrail.com

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