

Vineyard Estates Neighborhood Association **General Membership Meeting Minutes**

Date: 24 Apr 2008

Location: Covenant United Methodist Church

Chaired by: VENA Board of Directors (BOD) President Pat Verrelle

Minutes taken by: BOD President, Pat Verrelle

Time: Called to order 7:04 PM

Attendance: Present: BOD, Residents of Vineyard Estates (~20), Guest

Speakers: Lt. Bill Henz and Nadine Hamby of the ABQ Police

Department, Evon Nelson, candidate for District 4 Commissioner.

Introduction of Attendees

Pat Verrelle welcomed all attendees, and introduced all present board members.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with no additions/deletions by Unanimous Consent (UC).

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the November 2007 General meeting were available for residents. Lee Ann Riesen made a motion to approve the minutes. Residents were encouraged to read the minutes, and let Pat Verrelle know if there were any corrections, otherwise the minutes would be considered approved. No corrections came during the conduct of the meeting. (Closed).

Guest Speakers

Lt. Bill Henz, APD substation commander and Nadine Hamby, APD public relations spokesperson, spoke and took questions from attendees. The Northeast area command substation boundaries are I-25, Menaul, Eubank, tribal land. Substation 20, located on Wyoming north of Paseo del Norte, is a fire station and a police station and is open M-F, 8 to 5. The substation on Osuna and Wyoming has had a "facelift", with improved security and better lighting, and he invited residents to stop by. The Osuna station is open M-F, 8 to 5.

Bill said that response time for 911 calls is approximately 10 seconds; for police calls, it varies by the type of call.

Bill mentioned that he welcomed residents who would ride along with officers as they do their jobs. Approximately 10 residents indicated that they would be interested. He also mentioned that Neighborhood Patrol and Neighborhood Watch training is available for interested residents.

Nadine mentioned information needed by 911 operators when a resident calls 911, as well as tips for incident observers. This information will be in a future newsletter.

Bill mentioned that there is a quarterly APD newsletter that he will send in the future to VENA.

Some general tips from both Bill and Nadine: Use good security lighting and locking gas caps, park inside the garage rather than in the driveway, never keep garage door openers in cars parked in the driveway, be careful when answering your door.

Evon Nelson, Republican candidate for District 4 Commissioner, spoke. She has been a Planning Commissioner and past president of North Albuquerque Acres. She helped VENA get the La Cueva Sector Development Plan approved. Her concerns include high tax rates and the high cost of the Bernalillo County jail.

Public Comment

Duke Winsor presented crime statistics for our neighborhood and the city for 2006 -- 2008. Lt. Henz was very impressed.

A VENA resident was burglarized as the thieves gained entry through a doggie door.

Police Sgt. Jeff McDonald lives in Vineyard 1. He has offered his e-mail address (what is it??) for use by residents. His home phone number, however, is not available. If there is a police-related matter, we should contact the police department and not him. This keeps the statistics accurate, and these statistics are used when assigning officers to city areas.

Adjournment: ?? PM

Passed by Unanimous Consent

Next General Membership Meeting: Scheduled for August at Vineyard Park as the Annual Meeting. Start time will be 7 PM. Date is to be determined.