

Midway Woods Meeting Blue Tarp – May 3, 2018

Board Members Attending: Jennifer Beaver, Stacie Wilson, Alison LeBlanc, Chris DePree, Jody Whitlow, Martha Miller, Kathryn Michaelis

Neighbors Attending: Amy Markham, Julie Binney, Dan Binney, Donna Grizzard, Ginger Lindsay, Chad McMurray, Susan McMurray, Lopi Guarisco, Micheal Bennett, Louis Rodriguez, Tom Stahl

Guest: Wayne Powell, President of Belvedere Park Civic Club

NOTES

Announcement: that Midway Woods flags are now available to order for \$30ea. The proceeds are used by the association to help fund socials and projects.

Paid Police Patrolling:

This meeting was primarily to discuss neighbors concerns with safety and theft in our community, so Midway Woods board members, along with Wayne Powell, provided an overview of how “paid patrolling” works in other neighborhoods.

Here are the questions asked by neighbors that require further review.

1. What is the success rate of having paid patrol?
2. Got shots reported, how will paid patrol help with this?
3. Would the off-duty officer have access to people’s security videos? (suggestions were made to post videos to a secure Midway Woods website.)
4. Would neighbors be able to contact patrol regarding suspicious activity?
5. How often do they patrol? (\$35hr/ around 10 hours per week, random times day and night)
6. How to communicate this opportunity and gain enough neighbor participation to pay for the services?

Some logistics shared by David:

1. He is the primary leader of the program in his neighborhood.
2. He uses crime mapping, Nextdoor and real police reports to monitor reported crimes in his neighborhood which he shares with the patrol officers before shifts.
3. He recommends that create a clear set of expectations for how we want out patrols to operate and that we meet with the police precinct leadership to get advice on best suited officers for our needs.
4. Discuss a tiered system for paying into the program to maximize participation.
5. Possible use “phone trees” to help with passing along suspicious activity to others in the neighborhood as a part of neighborhood watch activities.

Based on the comments from this meeting, there appears to be a solid interest in pursuing more details on paid patrolling and putting together a proposal to offer this in Midway Woods neighborhood. The board will continue our efforts to draft the necessary details and communicate back in the coming months.

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES

Porch Party – May 6, 4-6:00, 1320 Fenway Cir
Neighborhood Yard Sale – May 12