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Minutes of the April 27, 2017 meeting

Attendees: Stu Carlow, Ernie Benjamin, Michael Gelman, Charlotte Crutchfield, John Bogasky, Arquilla Ridgell, Tony Fracasso, Dorinda Danneman, David Shaw, Roger Manno, Officer Sharif Hidayat.

The Agenda was approved. The Minutes were approved with one amendment: added Ernie Benjamin to attendance at March meeting.

Treasurer's Report: 15 individuals, 4 associations and 2 businesses have paid dues this year. One member has moved away. Several members intend to renew and several individuals have expressed intention to join.

Proposal to donate \$50 to JFK high school Post Prom was approved. It will be held after the Prom on May 19th. This is a PTA sponsored event; \$5,000 was raised last year, this year's goal is \$7,500.

Senator Roger Manno delivered copies of his 2017 Report of the Maryland General Assembly.

Office Sharif Hidayat, Montgomery County Police, 4th District (Glenmont Station) spoke about neighborhood crime. The 4th District (of 6 Districts) station is located on Randolph Road in Glenmont. The 4th District extends from south of Wheaton at Georgia Avenue and Dennis Avenue north to Sunshine (Georgia Avenue at the Howard County line. The eastern boundary runs along the county line and the western boundary goes out Veirs Mill Road to Aspen Hill Road. The district contains residential and commercial properties, there are no hotels.

The department has several teams: an undercover unit, a motor unit, bike patrol, CBUS team, school resource officers, detective bureau and community outreach. There are 3 sectors in the 4th district – John, King and Lincoln, each with a Lieutenant - Lt. Joe Onderko, John Sector; Lt. Michael Hartnett, King Sector; Lt. Nick Augustine, Lincoln Sector. Lincoln extends between Dennis Avenue and Randolph Road. King extends west from Layhill Road along Norbeck Road to Rock Creek and Veirs Mill Road. John Sector covers from north of Randolph Road and east of Layhill Road towards the county line.

The Mid-County Regional Center on Reedy Drive has civilian staff familiar with area associations. Louisa Montera is a resource for help identifying government services, filing complaints or making service requests.

Crime – the Bel Pre area was a bad crime area 15 years ago. Bel Pre Drive was public housing then moderately priced and was plagued with drugs. Last year a major investigation conducted by local and federal authorities resulted in arrests in that area.

Community Policing – several years ago they had a community outreach section. Officers went out in the community, later it was given up due to budget cuts. It has returned as Community Engagement, with a Captain, two sergeants and two officers, working out of the Chief's office, attending community meetings and doing hate crime follow-up.

Community members can help police their own neighborhoods by being aware of problems and putting problems on the police department's radar. Become aware of the types of crime going on in your neighborhood.

The local community is responsible to collectively decide what behaviors will not be tolerated. Residents have the right to peaceful enjoyment of the community. Keep the police in the loop when problems are noticed.

The Montgomery County Police are state certified and enforce state law. They have a good relationship with the Park Police. The Park Police work in both Montgomery County and Prince Georges County and enforce state law.

Resources:

NextDoor membership. News Feed serves local neighborhoods with notices of activities and discussion of problems. <https://nextdoor.com/>

Crime trends can be monitored at crimereports.com - <https://www.crimereports.com/>.

- What's going on, when it happened

- Sex offenders in area

- Interfaces with police CAD system – offense, date, time

Call police at the Glenmont Station – 240-773-5500.

- Ask what's going on

- Ask for District Commissioner, Lieutenant or Sergeant

Report crimes to police – the Non-emergency number is 301-279-0000.

- Ask for the Crime Analyst, Margo. Ask her about crime reports.

Data Montgomery - <https://data.montgomerycountymd.gov/>

- Search for arrests

Maryland Judiciary Case Search - <http://casesearch.courts.state.md.us/casesearch/>

- Lists all court proceedings

- Click on Case number for case info, including defendants address

Real Property Search - <https://sdat.dat.maryland.gov/RealProperty/Pages/default.aspx>

- Choose county and enter address

The next Glenmont Exchange meeting will be held on Monday, May 22, 2017

Minutes submitted by Dorinda Danneman, Secretary.