

# **NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

(E. Cardinal Place and N. King Avenue)

## **AGENDA**

October 22, 2020

### **I. Call Meeting to Order**

### **II. Welcome**

- Thank the City of Midwest City for providing the facilities

### **III. Guest Speakers from the City of Midwest City**

- Espaniola Bowen, Midwest City Member of the City Council, Ward 3
- Marcus Hayes, Midwest City Traffic and Safety Commission Member
- Sgt. Lindsay Cargal, Midwest City Police Department
- Elyse Cummings, Neighborhood Initiative Coordinator
- Other Government Representatives (if any)

### **IV. Update of City Meetings Attended By Neighborhood Representatives**

- September 17, 2020 Traffic and Safety Commission Meeting
  - Speeding and Trash Concerns Discussed
- October 6, 2020 City Planning Commission Meeting
  - Cell Tower Construction Discussed
- October 13, 2020 City Council Meeting
  - Speeding Control Measures Discussed
- October 27, 2020 City Planning Commission Meeting
  - To Consider Approval of Cell Tower Construction

## **V. Cell Tower Construction Proposal**

- **Reasons for Opposition**
  - **Potential Health Risk to Residents (Discuss Studies Done)**
  - **Eye Sore**
  - **Property Values Will Decline (Realtor/Broker Letter)**
- **October 27, 2020 6 P.M. City Council Meeting to Approve Measure**
  - **A Show of SOLIDARITY in Opposition (Attorney Statements)**
  - **No Second Chance to Prevent Consequences**

## **VI. Establishing a Neighborhood Watch Association (NWA) (For Information and Consideration)**

- **Elyse Cummings, Neighborhood Initiative Coordinator**
- **Group to Consider Acting on Issues Affecting the Quality in the Community**
  - **Reduces Risks of Crime to Victims**
  - **Better Prepares to Respond to Suspicious Activities**
  - **Greater Access to Criminal Activity Information**
  - **Allows for Neighbors to get better Acquainted**
  - **Reduces the Fear of Crime**
  - **Allows for Other Issues of Concern to be Discussed**
  - **Receives NWA Sign and Posts It in Neighborhood**
- **May be “Recognized” by the City**
  - **Must meet guidelines of the Neighborhood Initiative Office**
  - **Autonomous Organization**
  - **Includes homeowners, property owners, renters, businesses**
  - **Build a community partnership to reduce crime and improve quality of living**
  - **Instill a greater sense of security while reducing fear of crime**

- **Will Need to Select NWA Representatives**

- **President**

- Responsible to oversee the NWA operation
    - Handle incoming calls/emails/texts from Block Captains
    - Reviews progress of NWA
    - Passes on information from the City Coordinator
    - Ensures the NWA is holding regular meetings
    - Selects boundaries and by-laws for the NWA
    - Maintains a list of Block Captains and NWA participants

- **Block Captains**

- Responsible for getting their neighborhood involved
    - Distributes information received from the President (telephone, email, texts, newsletter)
    - Creates a Block Map with neighbor information
    - Keeps track of medical problems of neighbors
    - Coordinates activities for their block of neighbors
    - Greets new neighbors moving into the community
      - ❖ Educates new neighbors on the NWA
    - Serves as liaison between the President and the neighbors

- **Steering Committee**

- Made up of President, VP, Secretary, Block Captains, Neighborhood Initiative Coordinator
  - Guiding force for NWA
  - Identifies Preliminary Goals
    - Sets Dates for the Achievement of Goals
    - Maintains an Active NWA Program
    - Emphasizes Communication

- **Benefits**
  - **Neighborhood Cleanups**
  - **Citizens On Patrol**
    - **MWC Police Dept. trains how to patrol and report problems**
  - **A Neighborhood Initiative Coordinator Attends Every NWA Meeting**
  - **Personal Connection to Resources at City Hall**
  - **The City Provides \$100 per Special Event for the NWA**
  - **City of Midwest City Provides NWA Signs**

## **VII. Questions**

## **VIII. Adjourn**