

Mountlake Terrace Community Policing Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2010

Chairperson Christina O'Brien called the Community Policing Advisory Board to order at 1841 hours.

In attendance were Christina O'Brien, Yvonne Jones, Rita Salazar, Scott Matsuda and Erin Kelly.

Kris Sanderson and Councilmember McCardle were excused from the meeting. Fred Nitschke was unexcused.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the April meeting were reviewed. Scott Matsuda made the motion to accept the April minutes as corrected and Yvonne Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Presentation to the City Council

Christina O'Brien advised that she and Scott Matsuda completed the presentation to the City Council on May 13, 2010 at 7 p.m. Christina advised that the presentation went well and there were a few comments and questions regarding the public awareness classes. The Council praised the Board on their attendance record.

National Police Week Memorial/Open House

The Police Department held a memorial and open house in honor of National Police Week on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Christina and Yvonne attended and were available to answer questions from the public who attended. The surveys were passed out and the responses were great. Some of the concerns were animal control, traffic enforcement and property damage. The public would also like to see a program for kids on safety in school and gang awareness. It was also mentioned that people would like to see an increased presence by the Police Advisory Board at public events.

NEW BUSINESS

Ideas for the Working With the Community

The Board would like to get involved with a Block Watch program. They will be contacting the Police Department to determine who would like to act as a liaison for the project. This would help get citizens involved in the safety of their own neighborhoods and communities.

Chief's Report

Although Assistant Chief Pete Caw was gone at training, Erin Kelly advised that the Police Department currently has two open police officer positions. Erin advised that the Police Department has hired Brian Vanderwerff, a lateral candidate. The applications for entry level police positions are due on June 15 and the testing will take place on July 10.

The meeting was adjourned at 1912 hours.