

**CITY OF FONTANA  
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** All Attendees of the Area 2 East Community Meeting  
**FROM:** Lt. Obie Rodriguez, Area Commander Beat 2  
**DATE:** May 13, 2009  
**SUBJECT:** Community Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2009

**Lieutenant Obie Rodriguez**

- Introductions- Dave Teater from Traffic Engineering, Phil Saldana from Code Compliance, and Erik Garwick from Parks and Landscape, Todd Heagsteadt from Public Works, Officer Hooper and Officer Borden.

**Erik Garwick-Parks and Landscape**

- Wanted to update everyone on the issues which were brought up in the last meeting.
- There are 25 detention basins, the questions were brought up last meeting:
  - Who is responsible for the maintenance?
  - What is the purpose of the basins?
  - What is being done with the basins?
- The city has an agreement with the owners of the property to maintain the property. So the city is responsible for the maintenance.
- The purpose of the detention basins is to allow storm water to get collected and drained properly.
- What is being done- Scheduled maintenance is twice a year which includes weeds being removed, all the ditches cleaned out; the landscaping is done to include the shrubs being trimmed, trees thinned and lifted and the cover ground maintained.
  - Weed abatement maintenance is done every May and October.
  - The landscape maintenance is done monthly.
- The 100 feet of the wrought iron fencing along the basin has been replaced.
- 20 of the 25 detention basins weed abatement have been completed.
- 9 of the 25 has had the landscaping maintenance done. All will be completed by May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- If you have any questions please call Erik at 350-6536

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- CopLogic- The system is designed to allow citizens to file certain reports via the internet. The system is accessible from any computer with internet access through the police department's website and is also available in Spanish. There is also a computer set up in the Police department's lobby for citizens to use. The basic process of filing a report online involves the citizen entering basic information regarding the incident, including any property information. The majority of the information is completed using drop down menus. Once the citizen has completed the report they will be provided with a temporary case number and can print out a copy of that temporary report. Upon the report being approved, the citizen is emailed a copy of their report along with a permanent case number. The crimes which can be reported online are:
  - Child Custody violations
  - Graffiti
  - Harassing Phone Calls
  - Hit and Run (Which has happened in the past with no suspect information.)
  - Identity Theft
  - Lost Property
  - Theft (under \$5000)
  - Vandalism
  - Vandalism to a vehicle
  - Vehicle Burglary
  - Vehicle Tampering
- Coplogic was started in early February and from early February to the end of March we issued 473 case numbers from this program and saved 596 officer hours.
- Child Safety Seat Installations-The police department now offers Child Safety Seat installation. If you would like more information please call Amber Smith at (909) 350-7710 or Heather Howard at (909) 350-7758.
- Citizen's Academy- The academy is designed to give citizens an overview of the Police Department's policies and procedures. Classes are taught by Police employees, Local Judges, and the District Attorney Office. It's a free nine week academy. Class Size is limited so register early. Topic's covered are:
  - Area Commanders
  - Codified Laws
  - Crime Analyst
  - Crime Scene Investigation
  - Defensive Tactics
  - Disaster Readiness
  - Dispatch
  - Gangs/Narcotics
  - Internal Affairs
  - Investigations

- K-9 Unit
- Legal System
- Patrol Procedures
- SED
- Special Operations
- Traffic Enforcement
- Volunteering

For more information contact Heather Howard at (909) 350-7758 or email her at [hhoward@fontana.org](mailto:hhoward@fontana.org).

## **THE ITEMS LISTED IN BOLD PRINT REFLECT ACTIONS TAKE**

### **Concerns of Walnut Village Residents:**

- Asked why owners of the detention basins would want to own the land if it is to collect storm water. ***Erik Garwick advised they want to own it because in the future they can develop the land.***
- Asked if the land is used for drainage why they would want to develop anything on that land. ***Erik advised storm drains can be added to divert the water elsewhere which will make the basins not needed.***
- As far as crime statistics do you see more going on. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised no we've been saying we are concerned about the economy because usually when the economy goes down the crime goes up however foreclosed homes are getting sold quicker. We have seen some decreases in major crimes however we will see how the summer goes, summer is usually the peak time for crime.***
- Asked how many streets are needed for a Neighborhood Watch group? ***Amber Smith advised it depends on the group it don't just have to be one street it can also include the surrounding streets. We currently have a total of 180 groups in Fontana. Lt. Rodriguez advised Neighborhood Watch helps neighborhoods deal with nuisances. If you would like more information please call (909) 350-7710.***
- Asked if there was any information on not making a left turn on Highland from Mango. ***Dave Teater from Engineering advised the engineering department investigated the problem and realized we can adjust the traffic control there. Advised the signs will be removed and you will be able to make a left turn very soon.***
- Asked with the statistics of crime has the crime increased in Walnut Village because she was a victim of a horrible crime? She advised the dispatchers are rude when you call in a crime, advised she asked for the dispatchers name and they wouldn't give their name. Advised she has noticed more people putting up bars on their doors. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised her that they will talk more in detail about the incidents after the meeting.***
- Asked if there is any way to provide more patrol. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised he believed we are deploying our resources very accurate right now. Advised we will look at it and check it out to see if there are any***

***increases however we haven't noticed any increases in crime recently.***

- Advised up and down Walnut on Friday nights beer bottles are being broken and by Monday there is glass all over the street.
- Asked what the projected date of completion is for Baseline. ***Dave Teater advised the project is scheduled to be completed in September.***
- Advised there is a house in their neighborhood which is in foreclosure, advised the people were given until the 26<sup>th</sup> to be out. Asked if they can give permission for a neighbor to take the palm trees out of the yard. ***Code Compliance Inspector Phil Saldana advised it's at best a civil matter, usually the bank just cuts their losses. However if the owner is gone you can always call the police department and they will send an officer out there to check out the situation.***

**The next meeting date is August 6, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Ruble Middle School located at 6762 Juniper Avenue.**

**Please submit any items for the next meeting's agenda by August 5, 2009 to:**

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