

**Union Hill Civic Association
General Meeting
Wednesday, November 28, 2007
Cedar Street Baptist Church**

Meeting began 7:05pm

Announcements:

Lora Toothman:

Community Development is seeking UHCA input/comments on a special use permit request for new construction on a narrow vacant lot. More details to follow.

- Matt Conrad will take over future Community Development requests.

Proposed changes to zoning in Union Hill and North Church Hill meeting on Thursday, November 29th at the EDI Center.

Residents of Venable Street are circulating a petition for the following improvements:

- Posting of 4-way stop signs
- Clearly posted speed limit signs
- Copies of petition are also available at Captain Buzzy's and Jumpin' J's

Lt. King:

Sector 111 Year-to-Date Crime Stats:

- As of October 1st, down 25% violent crime, down 37% property theft
- Year-to-Date, down 8% violent crime, up 5% property theft (increase due to property left from vehicles)
- Year-to-Date total of 18 violent crimes and 85 occurrences of property theft
- In the past 30 days there have been 27 arrests for public intoxication, controlled substances, possession of marijuana, and assault.

Please keep all of your valuables secure and out of plain view particularly during the holiday season.

On 23rd & M Streets State Police intercepted a package delivery resulting in arrest(s) for marijuana trafficking

Venable Street

- Acknowledged that the police are one of the main causes of speeding on this street and will speak to precinct as well as install a speed trailer
- Designation of a "Prostitution Free" zone which should result in more severe punishment and banishment of prostitutes

Prisoner escape from Buckingham County facility

- Local precinct only just found out about escapee's ties to the area
- Has been spotted recently in Fulton Hill and Eastern Church Hill, but could be anywhere between Charles City and Charlottesville
- Prisoner is between 5'9"-5'10", balding, and may have injury to his side caused by climbing over barbed wire during the escape
- Prisoner has escaped twice before

Status of available officers on bikes

- No bike officers at the moment due to transfers outside of the precinct, but may have a couple available in early 2008
- Bike certification is now mandatory for all recruits to the police academy

Other Announcements & Issues Discussed:

C.A.P.S. (Community Assisted Public Safety) has instigated a clean-up program between 2200-2300 blocks of Venable Street

- 11 abandoned vehicles were cited and towed
- Trash pick-up

Matt Conrad suggested reinstating an old Virginia holiday tradition of "Progressive Dessert" on Friday, December 21st.

- Good response from meeting attendees willing to open their homes and provide refreshments to guests
- Matt will send out email with details in the following week

MCV employees are parking on neighborhood streets (to avoid paying for lots) all the way up to the street corners severely limiting vision to area drivers.

- Friends of Jefferson Park will work with Union Hill Civic Association about contacting the local authorities to notify of the potential safety issue
- Perhaps city will post signs limiting parking to within a few feet of each corner.

Union Hill Civic Association meeting was immediately followed by the Friends of Jefferson Park meeting lead by Bill Conkle and a report by Kristin Friedline of the Study Group for the Union Hill Old & Historic District.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm