Noble Neighbors Community Meeting at the Cleveland Heights Police Academy - 3/18/2014

Brief Summary

Police Chief Robertson showed how to access the Cleveland Heights incident reports from the CH police department website. Since February 1st, the first page of all incident reports is being posted online, and you can search by date or by street. The reports are brief, but you can find out more information about a particular incident by e-mailing the chief or the police department and referring to the report # at the top of the page.

Chief Robertson also presented a Powerpoint that he had recently prepared for City Council on crime statics for the past 3 years. The statics are city wide, not broken down by neighborhood. Overall the numbers and types of crimes have been fairly constant for the period reviewed. By far the most prevalent crimes are stolen property and robberies.

Detective Corrigan from the CH Police Dept. gave a presentation on reportit.leadsonline.com , a free service that allows you to save photos, serial #s etc…of values (cameras, phones, computers, jewelry) online. In the event that an item is stolen, having this information makes it much easier to recover the property.

There was an wide ranging discussion with Chief Robertson and Detective Corrigan on particular issues of concern including the Byou, Shillelagh, the Noble Food Deal, the ecoATM at Richmond mall (which will give you cash for a cell phone), pawn shops, copper thieves, liquor licenses, the resolution of an investigation (last year, I think) into a possible rape, and community policing.

Lisa Rainsong reported on the Montford Road block watch – which has since had its first meeting.

Jeff Coryell from City Council spoke about getting the attention of the city. He noted that City Council had noticed and was paying attention to the presence of our neighborhood at council meetings. He suggested that in addition to speaking to council members in the public comments session of the meeting, it can also be helpful to hand out information packets. He noted that council stays after the meetings to talk informally with citizens. He felt that there was an energy and vibrancy to our neighborhood and that we should choose a name to help brand it, i.e. Noble Village.

During the discussion with Jeff, the idea of a clean-up day or weekend was suggested. Some people felt it should be city wide, but Jeff thought that it would be easier (and better to help establish us as community) if it were just for our neighborhood. He said that we could publicize it (and get noticed by the city in so doing) through the CH website and the Heights Observer. We might also be able to work with the school district to have notes sent home with neighborhood children.

There was also discussion with Jeff about the challenges of getting businesses to locate along Noble.

Brenda May reported on her meeting with Tanisha Briley, CH city manager. Tanisha said that the city is looking to help the Noble and North Coventry neighborhoods and would like our input. Brenda also spoke about the advantages she sees in our neighborhood, including its affordability. She would like to work with realtors to help sell the neighborhood and would like to see a real estate agent move into one of the store fronts on Noble.

Brenda also passed out a brief survey asking people about the neighborhood – w/ questions about what types of businesses they would like to see on Noble, what type of neighborhood work they would like to be a part of (i.e., safety, neighborhood beautification, etc…)

The next community meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 22nd at the Church of the Master on 4050 Monticello Blvd at 7:00. The plan is to break into smaller working groups/task forces to address particular issues.

A huge thank you to Cynthia Griggins for putting together the agenda and keeping everyone on task, to Brenda May for putting together the survey, and for everyone who spoke and attended. I apologize for any errors or omissions in this summary.

Respectfully submitted,

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