

Friends of Safety City Board Meeting March 13, 2008

Members present: Yvonne Batts
Tommy McAllister
Laura Moore
Ken Poyner

Others present: Kyle Thomas (legal)
Chief Melvin Martin
Chief Ken Dozier
Sgt. Joe Tauer
Lt. Randy Doan
FF Gary Hamner
Jennifer Stuckey

Yvonne Batts called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Yvonne introduced Chief Dozier and Chief Martin.

Motion to accept February board meeting minutes Ken, Laura seconded; minutes approved.

Yvonne announced the Allied Waste and PTA had submitted their sponsorship funds, 5 businesses were still unaccounted for.

Jennifer reviewed program report.

Board reviewed financial report submitted by email from Gayle.

Laura introduced an idea brought to her by the staff, and chiefs as a viable alternative to the last plans for a safety education building and fire safety house.

Chief Dozier: current fire house built for one class at a time (18-22 students) but not practical for use at Safety City due to small size of building and number of students attending the program. Could incorporate more effective hands-on programs with new building. Proposal of building two buildings (one for police and one for fire) and have in place if possible by Sept. 1. Estimated cost: police building \$250,000.00 and fire house \$150,000.00.

Tommy inquired about land. Randy stated that both buildings would be built on new property east of facility and that the cost includes approximately 15%. Engineering cost not included. Larry Gilley is on board with this idea and should have support from City services.

Dozier stated that the building could be done in phases with the understanding it is one project. KRBC/KTAB and KEAN radio will take lead on advertising the fundraiser. Gary, John and Randy are developing a media campaign presentation.

Gary stated that the teachers have completed evaluations stating the need for a larger facility.

Laura asked for board to consider the proposal and develop a small committee to develop a strategic plan. She inquired about fire and police grants that might be available.

Tommy stated that Dodge Jones still has funds and would be willing to talk to them. Laura intends for the board to visit with the various Foundations to determine their potential support.

Laura stated that work on the existing buildings should begin and not be added to the cost of the new construction. Randy stated that the Lowell Phillips with the City is working on getting us a materials list so that construction can be done in house. Staff will cleanup existing buildings and coordinate volunteers. Kyle stated that volunteers to do the work will be okay but they may need to sign a release from. She will check on requirements for off duty personnel to do the work.

Laura made a motion to build the two buildings and to develop a small committee to develop a plan of action & look into fundraising. Seconded by Tommy, no discussion; motion passed.

No other business.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.