

Friends of Safety City Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

October 2008

Members Present:

Yvonne Batts
Laura Moore
Gayle Whetsel
Tommy McAlister

Others Present:

Chief Melvin Martin
Sgt. Keith Shackelford
Trooper Sparky Dean
Jennifer Stuckey
Legal – Theresa James
Chief Ken Dozier
Lt. Randy Doan
FF Gary Hamner

Called to order @ 4:05 p.m.

August Board Minutes

Laura moved to approve the previous board meeting minutes, second by Gayle, all approve.

Treasure's Report

Gayle handed out a copy of the current bank statements. Randy made two deposits today that totaled \$2641 from Albertsons and South Taylor County Lions Club.

Current Future Donations

Yvonne announced that the Jaycee Foundation is providing a matching grant of \$3000 each year for the next five years. Board hopes to use this as a challenge to other businesses/grant opportunities. Need to develop a packet that will promote the buildings with name sponsors for each room.

Randy stated that the staff met with City Lowell Phillips and Hawk building Co. regarding the reconstruction of three of the Safety City buildings. Sgt. Shackelford and Lt. Doan met with Theresa James and Pasquel with City Purchasing. They have arranged a meeting with Meers Engineering Co. They will meet with James Wheeler next week as well. Phillips has agreed to help regarding the architect and to get a materials list for each building.

Garry stated that the United Way grant (for electronics) will not be announced until Oct. 15.

Yvonne told the board about the potential of a fundraiser at the Abilene Gun Club that could raise from \$10000 - \$25000. Need to decide today to get our fundraiser on the list that goes out to all gun clubs. Tommy made a motion to proceed with planning this fundraiser. Gayle 2nd, all approved. Yvonne will talk with Steve Ellinger about giving a presentation to the board regarding this opportunity.

Randy distributed a list of current donations. Due to the current financial crisis the thought of getting in-kind commitment letters from the businesses. These letters will assist the architect in getting bids for the projects. They will not want to bid on the projects until they know what all has been given in in-kind donations.

We need to know what we have by January 2009 in order to go out during the 1st quarter (January and February) to talk with various businesses.

Staff Report

Jennifer reviewed the programs and activities that were provided during the month of September.

Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.