

Friends of Safety City Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

January 2009

Members Present:

Yvonne Batts
Laura Moore
Gayle Whetsel
Karen Stover
Tommy McAlister
Ken Poyner

Others Present:

Trooper Sparky Dean
Lt. Randy Doan
Sgt. Keith Shackelford
FF Gary Hamner
Jennifer Stuckey
Legal – Theresa James

Chief Melvin Martin
Chief Ken Dozier

Called to order @ 4:00 p.m.

Sgt. Shackelford updated everyone on the repairs being completed at Safety City. 9 buildings have been worked on for less than the bids to work on three of them. Mr. Jody Kent submitted a maintenance agreement proposal for 2009. This will be added to next months agenda for discussion and possible action.

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Motion to accept by Laura Moore, 2nd by Karen Stover, all approved.

Treasure's Report

Gayle Whetsel handed out a copy of the current bank statements.

Current/Future Donations

Lt. Randy Doan provided an update on various grant applications and in-kind donations. As of 01/07/09 there was \$69,623.99 in the bank and another \$500 check was received today. Tommy McAlister stated that the Jaycee Foundation would put their \$3000 donation in the mail.

Yvonne Batts will check with the Dian Graves Owen Foundation to verify if donations received prior to their letter will count toward their matching grant.

Fundraising Events

Randy stated that FF John Gallagher is working with Chuck E Cheese and the Elementary schools. The schools will promote the Chuck E Cheese night for us and Chuck E Cheese will donate a portion of their proceeds to Safety City. This event will operate for 17 weeks in a row. John is also working with Prime Time to provide the same type of fundraiser for the middle school and high school students.

Yvonne stated that 8 people are on the steering committee for the Sporting Clay Shoot fundraiser. They will meet every Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Fire Station #1. The shoot is scheduled for March 21st. Yvonne and her husband (Ron) have already secured several prizes for the event.

Chief Dozier stated that the steering committee met with Mr. Ed Patton and will meet again next Wednesday. The committee is optimistic that he will assist us in raising money for our projects. It was asked by the staff to keep in mind the security of the children if their facility is placed inside Safety City and the size of the display is relative to the size of the existing buildings.

Gary Hamner talked with Mr. Beal who has also met with the steering committee. He has volunteered their business to be the general contractors for the projects at no cost. He stated he would also talk with subcontractors about donating their work. With their assistance the cost to build could be cut to \$50 a square foot. The Beal's will meet with the steering committee next Wednesday as well. The Beal's and Mr. Larry Gilley want to work under the Friends of Safety City 501c3 then turn the facilities over to the City of Abilene.

Rand Doan asked when we could expect to receive notification of the 501c3. Yvonne Batts stated that the original request and expired and a new application would have to be filed. She has visited with Mr. Mark Layton, who has agreed to submit the paperwork on our behalf but that it may be after April 15 before they are able to do so.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. with a tour of the facility to see the repairs to the buildings.