

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL of the Village of Hanover Park
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 25, 2010

Bill called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Bill Manton, Nancy Cicero, Eric Gustafson, Wes Eby, Mayor Rod Craig,
 Chiefs Dave Webb and Tom Cortese and guest Rich Bergmann
Absent: Phil McBride

Agenda: accepted the agenda
Minutes: approved from November 23, 2009
Update: none
Enter McBride at 6:04 p.m.

Old Business: Those with expired cards are basically on the list as inactive. We therefore have a list of active/inactive. Inactive are dropped from call-out list. Do not know of anyone who had replaced Marta. There has been a funding cut. There is a reorganizing component as stated last meeting. (DuPage is reinventing or redesigning the group.)

New Business: a) Chief Webb introduced Deputy Chief Tom Cortese as CERT's new liaison for the village. We welcome him. b) Mayor Craig spoke of ways to revitalize CERT through 1. Who You Are – train for the family, 2. assertiveness for neighborhood watch, 3. the newly designed Area Response Teams through the Police Department (we've gotten good feedback) and 4. police in the schools.

Our CERT program is moving forward through block captains and the new class of 20 to start training on March 3rd for 6 weeks.

Phil needed to leave for a meeting, but stated ways to revitalize CERT through: recognition of volunteers, media, what we do is productive, possible CERT website, training material, ½ refresher and ½ needs, communications, Pub-Ed of CO and smoke detectors, training kids in school and seniors, advanced search rescue, weather spotting, to name a few. Chief Webb mentioned Fire already handles the detectors and a few of these are already addressed. Mayor Craig mentioned a crime prevention officer is a step away (next budget year possibly).

Phil exited 6:30 p.m.

At HP's website, a CERT link is possible to update any info.

Chief Cortese stated a request from Elgin Karen Flannigan needed help for traffic control for people attending a 2-day event. Chief e-mailed Nancy on Friday, Feb. 19, with info which gave us a response of 4 people for short notice. Chief Cortese received a call from Karen on Monday praising HP CERT and that without their help it would have been a disaster. Nancy talked about how it all went with directing the busy car traffic in the parking lot. She felt they were very useful to the event and it ran smoothly with their help. Julie, Tammy & Nancy were on Saturday and Julie & Phil attended on Sunday.

Nancy stated concern for refreshing traffic control. She will e-mail current members that can attend next training group on those Wednesday classes they need for refreshers.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. ... next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 27th, 2010 at 6:00 pm. in the police department classroom.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Cicero.

Nancy Cicero 1 (minutes approved 5-27-2010)