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Minutes of September 18, 2007 Meeting

President Karenthia A. Barber called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Acting Police Commissioner Frederick Bealefeld

The commissioner spoke with us about his commitment to improving safety in the city. He will make sure that the police are more responsive and are held accountable. One of his many goals is to make the system more effective-need to arrest the right people instead of taxing the system with many petty arrests. To make certain crimes are a priority. He reminded us of community engagement. That we need to know our neighbors, be more ware of the activities around us. He's focus will b on gangs, guns, drugs, and keeping the communities in Baltimore safe. He can be reached at 410-396-2020 direct line to his assistant or 410-396-2300 internal affairs.

Public Safety in Our Community:

Crime Update:

Officer Blumberg from the Northeast District Community Relations updated the community on the crime activities from the past few months. From what he gathered from reading the report there burglaries are on decrease but larcenies are on an increase. Officer Bloomberg suggests the increase in crime in our neighborhood is caused by displacement from other neighborhoods. He will look into ways to keep issues from other areas to enter our community. He reminded us that we have to communicate with our neighbors about unusual and suspicious activities and make sure you call the police. To take necessary precautions by locking our doors & windows on our property and keeping exterior lights on in the evenings.

COP

Chris Ryan reminded us of the need for more volunteers to go out with the Citizens On Patrol. COP runs are Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 7:30–10:30 except on holiday weekend. For training contact officer Blumberg email david.blumberg@baltimorepolice.org or Chris at 410-302-0641 or crryon@hotmail.com.

Merghenthaler High School

Ms. Margie Reyment, the newest principal of Mervo gave an update on plans to improve the school grounds. She said that her biggest challenge is to change the culture of the school. The school is implementing uniforms next year. She also has 5 new assistant principles. She plans to add cameras, have better locks on doors, and increase security. The school will be more proactive in cleaning-up trash and debris on and around school grounds. She also wants neighbors to be more aware of student lingering the streets or loitering. She needs the community to voice their concerns and contact her office if they notice suspicious or inappropriate activities during school hours. Also, to help the community deal with parking during the games, she will provide us with the games schedule so that neighbors can plan accordingly during game season. She wants neighbors to come and visit the school to see all the changes that she has implemented. She

reminded us that high school is vocational school and the students are learning plumbing, printing, and cosmetology and there their services are available to the community.

Waverly Middle School

Waverly school has a new assistant principle, Raymond Braxton. He is exited to be there. His focus is on enriching academics. He has redesigned how the school is restructured to make sure all the kids needs are met. Mr. Braxton has a math background and he has increased the math classes. Has introduced algebra back to the curriculum. He in process of upgrading the computer lab, he will require students to write 8-10 research papers, and to implement health class.