

Community and Police Partnership (CAPP)

Captain Ridberg, Chairman
David Rabin, Co-Chair



Minutes of Meeting November 21, 2005 4:30 pm, Police Library

New Business

- Captain Ridberg welcomed new members to the group: Dave D'Andrea, Ron Brien, Sue Frano, Laura Kelly, Rob McCready, Rob Roina and Pete Ryan. He explained that terms range from one to two years. Meetings take place the third Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m.
- Dave Rabin gave his perception of the group over the past year
 - Group was formed as a result of new relationship between the community and police department with an emphasis on customer service.
 - Members act as a source of information for the police department focusing on issues that impact entire neighborhoods as opposed to individual self-serving interests.
 - Attendance was high during the first few months and hopes the group can return to that level of participation.
 - Members are encouraged to let their neighbors and neighborhood associations know of their involvement in the group.

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- Capt. Ridberg discussed "Suggested Criteria for CAPP Involvement":
 - Multi-agency involvement
 - Quality of Life issue
 - Neighborhood issue
 - Significant local impact
 - Town liability issue
 - Can CAPP make a difference?
 - Consensus of group
 - Priority compared to other issues
 - Supporting evidence
- Issues that are not specifically police jurisdictional (such as sidewalk/roadway concerns) can be discussed in this venue and will be referred to the appropriate town department/agency.
- The police department welcomes tips ranging from suspected drug activity to illegal parking but timely reporting is important. Information should be reported **at the time an incident occurs** by calling **622-8001 through 622-8006**.

Concerns Expressed by Members

- Hazardous condition: trees on shoulder of Glenville Road near Weaver Street. (D. Rabin)

Action: Made second contact with Highway and Tree Departments. They were previously notified by post officer.

- New bathrooms at Byram Park (near tennis courts) are left lit and unlocked all night. (R. Roina)

Proposed action: Parks and Recreation will be notified.

- Dangerous utility stanchion on South Water Street sidewalk near Berrian Place. (S. Frano)

Proposed action: NRO Zuccherella will assess situation.

- Freezing on water across So. Water Street and sidewalk could be alleviated with proper drain. (S. Frano)

Proposed action: NRO Zuccherella will assess situation.

- Traffic congestion on Delavan hinders access to intersecting roadways at Pine and Chestnut Streets. (S. Frano)

Proposed action: Traffic Engineering will be notified.

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- Pedestrian sign on Pemberwick Road and parking situation near Moshier Street. (L. Kelly)

Proposed action: NRO Zuccerella will assess situation.

- Failure of some Hamilton Avenue residents to shovel snow (D. D'Andrea)

Proposed action: See "New Projects."

- Sidewalk obstruction by illegally parked cars on Edgewood Avenue. (P. Ryan)

Proposed action: Post car notified.

- Speeding on Prospect Street (R. Roina)

Proposed action: Already addressed by Traffic Section; will be included in STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) report.

- Unsafe conditions in municipal lots behind Greenwich Avenue. (R. Brien)

Proposed action: None at this time.

Ongoing Activities

- NRO Mark Zuccerella has been working on a plan concerning youths on the Avenue and will be presented at the next meeting for CAPP input.
- Appeal to the Parking Services Division to get 2-3 additional PEO's (parking enforcement officers) for the Byram/Chickahominy/Pemberwick areas.
- Expanding media exposure with presentation by Captains David Ridberg and Michael Pacewicz to be filmed by Channel 79 early 2006. Ron Brien suggested hosting a police department Open House concurrently with media blitz. This idea was considered previously and will be revisited with Chief of Police.

New Projects

It was agreed that the West Sector CAPP group would take a proactive stance to encourage compliance with the snow shoveling ordinance this coming winter.

- Group members should contact Capt. Ridberg with distribution ideas.
- Dave Rabin suggested use of a flyer which could be distributed through the schools "Friday folders" and posted in local businesses.
- Rob Roina suggested the following slogan: *Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow...but in 24 hours it must go!*

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- Dave D'Andrea will liaise with Western Middle School to enlist the aid of students in designing the flyer.
- Capt. Ridberg will provide Dave D'Andrea with the ordinance language.

The next meeting will be held Monday, December 21, 2005, at 4:30 p.m. in the Police Library.