

**Laurel/Redwood/Leona Heights
Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Meeting
Meeting Notes
April 9, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair B. Bond. Bond also facilitated welcome and introductions.

Announcements

- Nixle-a tool available to area residents to learn about activity occurring in their neighborhood.
- April 26, 2014-Earth Day and Citywide CORE training.
- May 9, 2014-OPD Open House at the Police Administration Building
- May 10, 2014-Area 3 Town Hall Meeting at Bret Harte Middle School

The scheduled guest speaker Captain Steve Tull did not attend. The goal is to have him attend June's meeting.

CORE Update-The person scheduled to give the CORE presentation was not present (Jerry Wong).

Crime Trends, Problem Solving Officer S. Festag

Officer Festag also introduced a new police recruit, J. Camarillo. Officer Festag has observed progress in the last (2) months. With more officers on boards, the police are able to respond to calls faster. Auto and residential burglaries are way down. Residents were encouraged to check their vehicles before leaving them (i.e. locked doors, packages, personal items out of sight). In the last six months, Officer Festag has been receiving better information on the tip line especially when it pertains to suspects.

- **4836-4842 Daisy St**-Festag visits this property regularly. A stolen vehicle was recently recovered and two individuals were arrested for drugs.
- **3683 Lily St**-property is being monitored. Two individuals were arrested for burglary but the DA was unable to make the charges stick. Legally there is no way for the police department to gain entry into the home. Individuals associated with this property do not live in Oakland. It's also unknown if there is a legal right to grow marijuana. The property is boarded up. Festag needs license plate numbers of vehicles visiting the property. Security checks are being conducted.
- 38th & Patterson-cameras will be installed on the building of "Kids and Dance."

Council Update, S. Nokshare

- **Maxx Value** is closing April 25th. CM Schaaf met with representatives of Save Mart and was informed there were no store bidders interested in the property. A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) has been submitted and an information meeting occurred on April 3, 2014. Residents will be able to submit their comments to the planners once the announcement about Planet Fitness has been made. The City as well as residents would like the solid rock wall removed to increase visibility. If there is an appeal, it would go to the City Council. There is a (15) year lease on this property.
- **Beulah House**-Planning's decision has been appealed by neighbors and now comes before Council. Planning has to state in a report why the appeal should be approved or denied. CM Schaaf has to remain neutral on this matter.

- **High & MacArthur**-the senior facility has been approved. It's unknown when construction will begin. Remediation has to be done to the land.
- **7-11**-the store owner is waiting to hear final word from headquarters about operating hours.

Other Interests of Note

- There is a walking group on Thursday nights. They meet in the ACE Hardware parking lot at approximately 7:00 p.m.
- Madrone Path-suspicious activity occurs on the path. Officer Festag stated he is receiving calls from neighbors and patrol is monitoring.

With no other items up for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.