

**Mayfield Village
Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2012**

The Citizens Advisory Committee met on Monday, March 26, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mayfield Village Police Department. Chairman Brenda Bodnar presided.

Present:

Brenda Bodnar Chairman
Mary Singer
Merv Singer
Joan Catalano
Lorry Nadeau
Kay Phillips
Shirley Jay
Steve Jerome
Carole Marrie
Sandy Batcheller
Marilyn LaRiche-Goldstein

Absent:

Bob Haycox
Joe Doran

Also Present:

Tom Marrie, Council Representative
Richard Edelman, Police Chief
Diane Wolgamuth, Director of Administration/Committee Secy.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Bodnar opened the meeting and thanked Chief Edelman for allowing the Committee to meet at the Police Station. Mrs. Bodnar asked if the Committee members had any changes to the Meeting Minutes from February 27, 2012. The Committee had no changes and the Minutes were approved as written.

Report by Police Chief of Recent Activity in the Village

Chief Edelman advised the Committee that Mayfield Village is a very safe community and there are not a lot of concerns affecting the entire community. He described a recent attempted burglary on Beta Drive involving theft of wire. The arrest resulted in resolving two similar crimes in the area.

Chief Edelman also described a recent incident involving juveniles who broke into the Clubhouse at the apartments. He emphasized the need for residents to be the eyes and ears of the community and report unusual activity to the Police Department.

Chief Edelman discussed the recent incident in Chardon and described that he has been reviewing emergency procedures with the SPAN (Suburban Police Anti-Crime Network) Chiefs. He stressed that all area Departments do their best to keep everyone safe and are working together on response protocol.

Chief Edelman stated that he had been contacted by a resident who has developed a smart phone application that will keep kids from texting while driving. The resident is willing to provide the technology to Village residents free of charge. Chief Edelman will provide the information to Ms. Wolgamuth if anyone is interested.

Chief Edelman reported that the solar panels are being installed at the Police Station. Mr. Marrie added that the Village received a grant to help cover the cost the solar array. The up-front cost is high, but it should pay for itself over time. Chief Edelman added that after installation, we will be able to check on-line to see how the system is operating.

Chief Edelman stated that he plans to hold a class on handgun safety and concealed carry sometime in May or June. While he is not a fan of the CCW law, he feels that he has a responsibility to make sure people are using weapons safely. There will be a nominal charge for the class and he intends to utilize the shooting range.

Chief Edelman explained some recent purchases made in the wake of the Chardon shootings. Council authorized the purchase of body bunker shields to protect officers and victims in the case of an active shooter. These will be stored in the trunks of the patrol cars. Council also authorized the purchase of tactical patrol rifles, which are much more accurate than pistols for long-range shooting.

Mr. Singer asked if police officers are regularly at the high school. Chief Edelman advised that the School Resource Officer is at the high school all day and an officer is also assigned to the parking lot.

Mrs. Bodnar asked how early children begin to be educated about emergency situations. Chief Edelman responded that sometimes these things happen at the grade school level; he will find out at what age the schools begin emergency drills.

Mr. Marrie described for the Committee the Fire House that the Fire Dept. uses to teach children how to get out of a fire situation. The Fire Dept. goes to the schools each year to educate.

Mrs. LaRiche-Goldstein asked about problems with bullying at the Middle or High Schools. Chief Edelman advised that bullying happens at every school, but the Chardon incident did not result from bullying. He is working with the schools to educate teachers and described a stabbing event at the High School several years ago. Mrs. Bodnar asked how to get the school administration to be more active on this issue and Chief Edelman suggested that parents attend school board meetings and demand intervention.

Chief Edelman described the benefits of CodeRed and how to sign up to receive emergency calls. Mr. Marrie commented that CodeRed is better than Reverse 911 as it can contact all residents within four minutes and is substantially less expensive. Chief Edelman added that the system can be used to alert residents about gas leaks, floods, missing children and can target only certain parts of the Village.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Mrs. Bodnar advised that Finance Director Ron Wynne will attend the April meeting to discuss finances and asked if anyone had ideas for additional topics.

Mrs. LaRiche-Goldstein asked about sidewalks and questioned why the Village does not pay directly to repair them rather than reimburse residents. Mr. Marrie stated that he believes there is a legal reason why it is done that way, but he will find out for sure.

The Committee agreed to the following schedule of meetings:

Monday, April 23

Monday, May 14

Monday, June 25

All meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. The Committee will not meet in July or August.

Council Report

Mr. Marrie reported on the following items being addressed by Council:

- Council has approved membership in the Community Partnership on Aging for May to December of this year. Council wants to see how many people will use the services before making a longer commitment.
- Several custom doors are being made for the Civic Center to replace doors that have deteriorated.
- Additional security and video cameras are being purchased for the Police Station. The current system may be used for security at the Civic Center.

- The trash and recycling contract has been accepted. Residents will use the 64-gal recycling containers and will continue to have weekly pickup. The current bins can be kept or recycled.
- The policy regarding help with residential sewer backup was passed. The Village will work with the County on this.
- Annual street sweeping will be done this spring.
- We are going out to bid for 2012 road work. Aintree North is next and then Kenwood. This is part of the infrastructure plan promised as part of the income tax increase.
- The floors at the pool are showing their age and Council is looking into refurbishing them.
- Parkview playground will be updated to be ADA compliant.
- Village employee hospitalization has been finalized through the work of the Health Care Task Force. The Village will join the Cuyahoga County health plan which will reduce premium costs.
- Summer camp employee compensation has been adjusted. Minimum wage has increased.
- Three ordinances regarding the Library were passed after three reads. Planning & Zoning passed the Library site plan and that was approved by Council.

Mrs. Bodnar asked when the Library was going to have a groundbreaking. Ms. Wolgamuth advised that plans were being made for May 4. [Since the meeting, the groundbreaking has been confirmed for Wednesday, May 2 at 10:30 a.m.].

Upcoming Village Events

Ms. Wolgamuth distributed a list of upcoming Village events and advised that the next *Voice of the Village* is due to be mailed in April.

The Pancake Breakfast volunteer sheet was made available for anyone who wants to sign up to work the event.

Memorial Day

Mrs. Singer reported that the Boy Scouts and Young Marines will be back again this year. The same Post will participate, but they have a new Commander. Mrs. Singer is working on getting two speakers and music is still being planned. She is speaking to a retired Navy tenor and will ask Deacon McNulty to come back.

Flags will be placed on graves on Saturday, May 26 and the Service will be held on Sunday, May 27 at 1:00 p.m. Mrs. Singer requested support and attendance at Sunday's service.

Comments from Members

Mrs. Singer asked about another toiletry collection for Malachi House and Mr. Marrie suggested that the Committee give it a year before embarking on this collection again. Many of the items received last year were not very good.

Mr. Jerome stated that he has been thinking about ideas to beautify the Village. He presented some drawings of the Civic Center parking lot, suggesting that it be redone to provide more grassy area near Wilson Mills Road. Mrs. Phillips agreed that this was an excellent idea. Ms. Wolgamuth advised that reconfiguring the parking lot is already being looked at by the Village Engineer as we are having traffic flow problems with the speed at which cars go to the back entrance of Heinen's. She will be sure to pass on the suggestion of more grassy area along the street.

Mrs. Nadeau advised that she has a short video that she would like to show at a future meeting. She got it through work and it addresses how to deal with armed intruders.

Mrs. Marrie commented that the 700 daffodils planted around the Police Station by the Garden Club are blooming and look beautiful.

Mr. Jerome commented that he thought committing to the Community Partnership on Aging for just the remainder of 2012 was too short a run. He is concerned that residents will not realize the potential in that amount of time. The Committee discussed and agreed that the new services should be "talked up" as much as possible. Mr. Marrie added that Ms. Wolgamuth and Stacey O'Brien from the Partnership will be working on marketing. Council felt they could get a feel for utilization over the rest of this year and were happy that we did not have to commit to a contract at this time.

Mrs. Phillips asked about enhancing the exit/entrance ramps at Wilson Mills and I-271. She understands that trees were planted, but thinks we could do more. Mrs. Jay stated that the Service Director said that the State controls this area. Mrs. Phillips responded that she has seen other cities that have very attractive interchanges and suggested that it might require contributions from local businesses. Mrs. Marrie stated that there were plans previously drawn up, but money was a problem. Mr. Jerome stated that the Bainbridge 306 exit is beautiful. The Committee agreed to discuss this topic at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. at which time Chief Edelman took the Committee members on a tour of the Police Station facility.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Wolgamuth.