**MINUTES FROM JULY 2019 MEETING**

Board Members Present:

Jim Olsen

Megan Misko

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Guests Present:

Claire Bynum

Mary Moises

Cmdr. LeJon Roberts

Lt. Merlin Bush

Wendy Laker

With only three board members present, a quorum was not available. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Lt Bush discussed an online reporting system for non-emergency crimes. It is located at nola.gov/nopdonline/

* If there is video or photos to share, this is the best way to upload online for detectives to review.
* Things that you can report online:
  + Auto theft
  + Theft from exterior of vehicle
  + Lost/stolen/missing items
  + Criminal trespass
* If you don’t see a perpetrator, it happened several hours ago, etc., the best way to get the information to NOPD is this online system.
* While video surveillance has been great, Lt. Bush reminded everyone that NextDoor and other social media is not the place to report things and show photos or videos of crime—use the new NOPD notification system for that.

Other crime stat issues:

* Auto burglaries cut in half over the last four weeks in the First District (from over 100 to 45 in the last four weeks)
  + Went down from 40 in May to 26 in June in the MCSD
* Aggravated crimes and persons crimes are down 40% in the MCSD on the year
* There is now a new commander in the Third District, Ryan Lobrano
* Change was made in last year’s crime stats to remove an auto theft—it turns out it was a repossession
* Still stressing to not leave things of value in the car

Statute Renewal: The city legal department has approved the draft resolution to renew the MCSD and place the vote on the ballot. The City Council should vote on the resolution to place the renewal measure on the ballot at their July meeting, and will be on the ballot in the fall.

Newsletter: In advance of the renewal vote in several months, the Board obtained the mailing addresses for all registered voters in the district to ensure that all voters in the district are aware of the upcoming vote.

Financial Report: Jim Olsen reviewed the financial report. The budget will need to be amended, as last year’s budget did not include the cost of the newsletter and additional legal fees needed for the renewal process. Cash on hand for the District is about $885,000, and funds are adequate for the expected expenditures for the remainder of the year. We have picked up the number of patrols over the summer, which has helped with the auto burglaries, but has increased the costs for patrol.

Audit: Audit for the State is done, and showed no discrepancies.

Minutes from June 20 and July 3 Meetings are approved by all present Board members.

Vehicles are still in good shape, although one vehicle needs to have the driver’s seat replaced. Once that is done, that vehicle will be placed back into service.

Announcements:

* 1st District NONPACC, 8/20/19 at 6:00 PM, at 501 N. Rampart St.
* 3rd District NONPACC, 8/7/19 at 6:30 PM, at 4650 Paris Ave.
* 1st and 3rd District MAX Meetings—every Tuesday at 1:00 PM at their respective stations
* Next MCSD Board Meeting is 8/15/19 at 6:00 PM