

PAC-3 Minutes
Regular Meeting – January 10, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of Partners Against Crime, District 3 was held on Saturday, January 10, 2015, at 10 a.m. at the Community & Family Life Recreation Center at Lyon Park, Co-facilitator Conni Rivers being in the chair and Secretary Kate Harris being present. The meeting agenda and minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved with changes.

Introductions: Everyone said their name and neighborhood.

Guest Speaker: Bertha Johnson, Director of the Department of Budget & Management Services for the City of Durham

Ms. Johnson presented an overview of the 2015-2016 budget development and oversight process. There is a projected \$6.1 million dollar gap going into the budget process. Ms. Johnson reviewed options for raising revenue (ex: improving property values) and some of the competing funding needs. She also reviewed differences between the city and county budgets. She emphasized that Coffee with Council should be an opportunity to talk about community priorities rather than focus on individual issues or staff.

Reports

Captain Addison reviewed 2104 statistics for District 3 (sent out to listserv previously). He explained that in 2015 the district is working on concentrating resources in areas of high need and continuing to open lines of communication with the public. Lt. Morais reviewed some of the ongoing break-in investigations and recent arrests. Police responded to questions about when to call 911, bicycle fatalities, and door-to-door solicitation. Deputy Carroll reported on break-ins in other areas, specifically a team of three individuals.

Assistant District Attorney Jim Dornfried was present to listen to concerns from the community.

Jason Jones, the new assistant director from Durham Parks and Recreation, reviewed current programs available ([see website](#)). He responded to a question about programs for those with physical disabilities.

Nancy Saitta from Oriole Drive reported as part of the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program. She shared how her neighborhood decided to create a Neighborhood Watch Program.

Neighborhood Improvement Services: Dawn Alston introduced a new code enforcement officer, Marie James. Laura Biediger reminded individuals about questions for Coffee with Council.

Mindy Solie updated the group on the American Tobacco Trail Watch and the Court Watch. She is currently following 11 criminals and will be following the Lofton case.

Deputy Chief Ianuzzi of Durham Fire Department asked for citizen input on prevention programs. He is conducting focus groups and invited PAC-3 members to attend, information sent to listserv.

Old Business: None.

New Business

Laura Pike from the Durham Food Co-op announced they will be opening on W. Chapel Hill St. on February 18th.

Announcements

Several positions will be open for elections in April.

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Kate Harris, Secretary