

DEL CITY NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Minutes of Meeting February 27, 2025

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Vice President, Lonnie Austin

9 Members present,

2. Officers present: President: Wendell Kluge, absent

Vice President: Lonnie Austin

Patrol Captain: Ted Garrett

Patrol Lt.: Troy Mize

Treasurer: Kaye Bennett, absent

Asst Treasurer: Kyle Gandy, absent

Secretary: Sandy Kluge

Asst. Secretary: LeeAnn McClure, absent

Community officer: Sgt Lauren Vincent

3. Invocation given by Lonnie Austin and flag salute was led by Ted Garrett

4. Introduction of Guest: Jane Wade Smith who joined the Watch.

5. Approve Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2025.

Motion to accept by Sandy Kluge **2nd:** Troy Mize

Passed Unanimously

6. Treasurers Report: Kaye Bennett, treasurer was not at the meeting, so no report was given.

7. Patrol Captain Report: Ted Garrett

Logged 382 miles by three patrollers. There were two cars stolen, both had left their car running while entering a store during the cold weather. There was a burglary of a basketball goal that was caught on a ring camera.

Ted told us the Armed Forces Day parade would be May 17th at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to build the float if the Watch wants to enter a float this year, donate money or items to build the float, donate candy and work in the parade.

Motion to accept: Lonnie Austin **2nd:** Marilyn Louton
Passed Unanimously

8. Sign Beautification Committee- Troy Mize

Troy stated that it has been too cold to do much, but they have picked up trash on the corner of Reno and Sunnyslane. He has purchased mulch to put in the flower bed when the weather warms up. The city has committed to funding the flowers again this year, but there was a problem last year in being able to get the approval for the purchase, and then be able to purchase the flowers before it is too late to plant them.

Motion to Accept: Lonnie Austen **2nd** Sandy Kluge
Passed unanimously

9. Community Officer Report: Sgt Lauren Vincent stated there were two Burglaries in our area, and 163 calls to animal control.

The Del City Police Department will do a Polar Plunge fundraising activity at Hurricane Harbor, and the proceeds are going to go to Special Olympics. The "Plunge" will be Saturday March 8th, at 9:00 A.M.

A new member of the watch asked questions about people being in her Yard during the evening hours. Sgt. Vincent informed her there is a place on the website that you can access to ask for officers to come by during the evening time to check on the house.

Motion to Accept Sandy Kluge **2nd** Marilyn Louton
Passed Unanimously

10. Membership report: by Lonnie Austin

A. We have two young men that have agreed to develop a web page for the Watch. Lonnie outlined the items that will be covered on the web page. There will be a written contract and the Watch will pay for cost to set up the website, then the additional money will be paid when certain pages are completed.

Anyone will be able to log on the website to find information, but no comments will be allowed on the page. Cost of the web page is estimated to be \$865. (See item 12 Budget Amendment)

B. City Wide Neighbors Night Out Update: The Night Out will be held on June 21st. There will be a meeting on March 6th with city Officials and Chamber of Commerce to determine the amount of money and resources they will contribute to the Night Out. The Night Out could attract as many as 1000 people. There will be a meeting on March 10th with the Presidents of the Watches to finalize obligations for each watch. We need to establish a working committee for the Night Out, and asked for Volunteers to sign up.

C. Code Enforcement Update The code enforcement in the city has a specific protocol to follow when investigating violations. The city requires a complaint by a resident, then they investigate. Sometimes people are unable to afford to take care of yard, or the resident's health keeps them being able to take care of the problem. A suggestion was made that our Watch volunteer to help the needy and unfortunate, and will also need volunteers

D. Request Approval for Beautification Committee Projects Fire Hydrants: City will pay for the paint, if we do the work. We will notify city we can help. Lonnie suggested we volunteer to help with the painting and the code abatement assistance.

E. Discuss Proposal to Change Name of Association: There was a discussion about changing the Watch name to "Del City North Community Association." Motion was tabled to be studies and discussed more in the future.

Motion to Accept: Marilyn Louton
Passed unanimously

2nd by Sandy Kluge

11. Old Business: There was no old business

12. New Business:

A. Budget Amendment Proposal Vote to amend the budget by adding a new item, Web Page Design for \$700, and ear mark \$165 of the \$500 budgeted for Community Visibility for the Web Page. Then Authorize the treasurer to pay up to \$865 for Web Page Development in increments as directed by the Web Page Committee. This proposal was approved by membership vote. These changes will not exceed our current fund balance.

Motion to Accept Ted Garrett **2nd by** Troy Mize
Passed unanimously

B. By Law Amendment Proposal Discussion/Vote Next Month

A proposal was made to offer one time lifetime membership to members in the amount of \$250.00 to be voted on at the next meeting.

C. By Law Amendment Items for Discussion/Vote Next Month A person that recruits a new Block Captain or Patroller's as a member then their membership fee of \$24.00 would be waived for the next year.

Motion to Recommend these two By Law changes in 12.A. & 12.B. above for vote next month

Motion to Vote next month: Marilyn Louton **2nd by** Sandy Kluge
Passed Unanimously

13. Raffle 50/50: The pot of \$23.00 was won by Ted Garrett, His ½ he given back to the Watch. Thank you Ted!

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Door Prizes: A Sonic gift cad was won by Marilyn Louton.

12. Motion to adjourn: Lonnie Austin **2nd** Nancy Garrett
Passed unanimously

Sandy Kluge, Secretary
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