**February 10th HTNA Meeting:
Open with A Prayer:

AGENDA:
-I-Witness Central City historical documentation project
-Community Safety Updates with 6th District Quality of Life Officers
-Hoffman Extravaganza Event planning

Rev. Thompson is leading the proceedings tonight, President Brigida Reid is with an ill relative

Nick Slie: I-Witness Central City
 -Central City wide project
-Looking for all kinds of stories that celebrate the cultural fabric of the neighborhood
        -Historic
        -Anecdotal and first hand
        -Community Successes
                -Has done stories celebrating community gardens etc
-I-Witness Central City puts up signs at the locations of stories, where you can call with your cell phone and here what happened where you are standing
        -Also a video component that goes on the internet
        -I-Witness would normally work with local residents and community groups such as HTNA to increase the scope of their work

Community Safety:  QOL officer John Favaloro and Sgt Yalonda Jenkins of 6th District NOPD:

-Rash of robberies in the hoffman area, most focused on latino workers
    -Seen as fair game and with possibility of large amounts of cash on them

-Drug activity on 1st and prieur
    -3nG gang the major drug dealers

Question: Why aren't drug crimes showing up on the nopd crime maps?
    -Not a uniformed officer crime under federal rules

Question: Are there any large scale cases in progress, ones going after large amounts of drugs and guns that would generate publicity about the problem?
    -Yes, 6th district has 6 undercover officers working narcotics
    -2 taskforces in the 6th district are working on it, understand the hotspot of 1st and prieur

    658 6060: 6th district station
    -Officer Lohman in narcotics task force at 6th district, contact him with specific information

Question: What can the community do to help fight crime and drugs in the area?
            -let the 6th district know about stash houses, the task force will go through with dogs. Often drug hideouts also have the guns
            -Keep at it with the reporting, especially if repeat incidents

Question: What about walking the beat in Hoffman?
        -No walking beats in hoffman presently, 6th district does have walking beats in other areas though
            -walking beats may change with the reopening of BW cooper
            -Just cars assigned to the area now

Question: Are criminals watching the cars?
    Yes, but the blue ,lights usually keep them moving and reduce crime

Question: The elevated NOPD watchtower, can it be used for anti drug patrols or for higher visibility of police? Especially in high drug areas?
        -One in CC belongs to home depot, all others are used for special events

Response: Tonti, dorgenois, 2nd are all hotspots for crime
    NOPD: Will send patrols and suggest blue light constant patrols for whole hoffman area
               -NOPD is of limited resources (understaffed and underfunded) to attack all crime hotspots at once

Response: Only one gang in Hoffman so there might be an opportunity
        -No longer drugs in the park, they have been pushed back to 1st, 2nd sts
        -3nG is fighting with carrollton/hollygrove gangs
            -once narcotics starts making arrests situation will quiet down

Question: Is there a gang task force in NO?
            NOPD:No because of the lack of national gang affiliations
                    -Most local gangs are young wannabe thugs
                    -Starting to see kids wear gang colors

NOPD: working on a list of potential gang members with photos and names, situation is being watched
        -Gangs have never taken root here but that may change

Other community issues

    -Problem with car painting on Washington/Galvez
            -Paint is spraying on houses and cars
            -Doesn't want to report anybody but situation needs to change

Rev Thompson: Will look at it as a group/community
            -Let them know and give them a warning

Hoffman Extravaganza:
            -Last years was too hot in June
            -will talk to NORD about open spot in April, not during jazz fest
            -$300 for the park to NORD for reservation fee

Membership drive:
        -We need lawn size HTNA signs
        -Membership drive, walking around the neighborhood in shirts as a large group to attract new members

Other Community issues:
        -Someone is stealing city garbage cans, pay attention
        -Odd looking man in camo wandering around 4-5pm, keep a lookout
        -Drainage issue on 2nd and dorgenois

Next meeting March 10 2009
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