# Guilford Board of Managers Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2017

1. Call to order

Tom Hobbs called the board meeting to order at 7:00 PM on October 3, 2017 at Second Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, MD. He explained that because of recent crimes in Guilford and concerns about community safety, the meeting was open to community attendance and participation and that the agenda would be devoted to community security.

The following board members persons were present: Tom Hobbs, Anthony Gill, Clarke Griffin, Jarrod Bolte, Chris Lyon, Curtis Campbell, Howard Friedel, Francie Spahn, Jeremy Hoffman, Adrian Bishop, Cathy Boyne

Also in attendance were City Councilmember Mary Pat Clarke and approximately 90 residents (exclusive of the Board and Mary Pat Clarke)

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from the last meeting on June 6, 2017 had been previously e-mailed to members. The minutes were approved unanimously.

1. Committee Reports

Committee reports were submitted in advance. They were not read at this meeting to allow for the entire evening to be used as a discussion of Guilford security matters and recent increase in crime.

1. Report by the Safety Committee - Chris Lyon
2. Noted that less than 50% of Guilford residents pay GSP dues. There is one car and one driver. It is not on duty at all times because of a lack of funds.
3. Detailed outline of daily responsibilities of the Safety Committee – primarily checking Northern District records for crimes in Guilford and tracking of the GPS vehicle. Explained that gathering of data by Northern District and GPS is important and allows GPS to patrol areas with the greatest need
4. Met with Councilmembers Mary Pat Clarke and Bill Henry – requested return of police patrol car 26. Police patrol car 26 had been removed from Guilford, but has now returned. Accidents on I-83 cause Northern District patrol cars to leave the area, which leaves Guilford and other areas without coverage. Baltimore County does not remove patrol cars from areas to respond to accidents.
5. Discussed a case involving two adults and one juvenile who were charged with a crime. They are awaiting trial.
6. Urged residents to report all crimes to Northern district, which may increase allocation of patrol to Guilford.

**VI: Questions and Suggestions fielded by Curtis Campbell**

1. Possible creation of a sub-committee for Safety to evaluate the use and cost of installing cameras.

2. Value of “Beware of Dog” signs vs. alarms signs

3. In order to encourage participation, should GPS supporters receive priority over non-supporters?

4. A number of those in attendance claim Ring.com is effective in preventing crime.

5. Resident Doug Trotter who consulted on camera installation at JHU discussed cost, monitoring, police response. He was asked to provide information to Committee at later time. He believes cameras can be placed in Guilford. Other residents think cameras on public property must have light designations, which does not enhance Guilford.

6. Many residents did not know Patrol Car 26 has returned to Guilford.

7. Those who felt that the Association could do more to curtail crime were invited by Curtis to work with the Safety Committee and assist in its current efforts. Resident Fred Besche circulated written suggestions for areas of committee focus and asked for other volunteers to be involved in a working group.

8. Discussion over cost of cameras. Mary Pat Clarke said the cost would be $30,000 each for a city connected hard wire installation

9. Discussion of new building for 42 youths directly across from Underwood Road.

10. a number who spoke wanted to relay what crimes had occurred to them, family and neighbors.

11. Disagreement as to the effectiveness of GSP

12. Most attendees when asked indicated that they were subscribers to GSP

**VII. Next Steps**

The Board will consider the recommendations that were made at the meeting and evaluate the feasibility, including the possibility of a community security camera network. A expanded volunteer group to work with the committee will be welcome. Progress will be reported at the Annual Meeting. Councilmembers Mary Pat Clarke and Bill Henry and Major Gibson will attend the Annual Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Clarke Griffin.