



**MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY TASK FORCE
MINUTES
April 15, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Stohr
Norma Linton
Libby Tyler
Chief Mike Bily
Esther Patt
Theresa Michaelson
Diane Marlin
Mayor Prussing

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald O'Neal, Acting City Attorney

I. Call to Order

Mayor Prussing called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of January 15, 2008 were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. The minutes of the meeting of January 15, 2008 were approved.

III. Discussion of Proposed Nuisance Ordinance

Ronald O'Neal, Acting City Attorney, stated that Mayor Prussing had asked him to address the group on a Criminal Nuisance Abatement Ordinance that he had drafted while with the City of Aurora. He reported that most nuisance ordinances rely on police to fix the problems, whereas this ordinance puts the responsibility where it belongs, on the tenant and the landlord.

Under this ordinance, after a specific number of police calls to particular property, the landlord would be send a letter from the City indicating that the property was about to be declared a public nuisance. The landlord would then be required to report to the Police Department to explain what steps would be taken to abate the problems. The ordinance lists specific types of behavior that are considered public nuisance.

Mr. O'Neal stated that this ordinance was typically used when a landlord would not respond to requests by the City.

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A discussion followed.

Mr. O'Neal reported that he is currently working on revising the Noise Ordinance.

Chief Bily indicated that this type of ordinance would not place more burdens on the police department.

IV. Future Goals

Chief Bily distributed a copy the Champaign Party Ordinance which he would like to proceed with getting approved.

It was agreed that this ordinance should be forwarded to the City Council.

Mayor Prussing indicated that she will ask the City Attorney to refine the Aurora ordinance on criminal activity for Urbana.

V. Announcements

There were no announcements.

VI. Next Meeting Date

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on June 10th or 17th.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jolinda Ross
Recording Secretary