

RICHMOND CITIZENS CRIME WATCH
SPECIAL EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

WED. MARCH 16, 2005

Steveston Community Police Station

Roll Call: Darren Gallvitz, Vena Lanji, Erik Olsen, Rod Bruchet, Jane Bruchet
-guest: Cst. Kevin Kwast
-with regrets: Jim Howard, Steve Scott

Call to Order: 19:00

1) Move to YVR

- Jean Hamm contacted at South Arm about Crime Watch moving there, but there will be no room at South Arm either due to a Municipal Employee moving in there as well.
- Kevin said that the city can move our base radio at no cost next week
- April 1st, 2005 is when funding starts for the position of Municipal Employee at Steveston Station, but the actual move of the employee will probably not happen until later in the year.
- Parking at the airport will be permitted as long as volunteer vehicles display a proper Crime Watch sign on the dashboard.
- Access to the building at YVR: before the first person arrives, they must call the senior constable's phone about 10-15min prior to arrival.
- If there are no members at the station when Crime Watch arrives, they must wait until RCMP members are available to let them in.
- In order for Crime Watch members to access the station on their own, they would need a special pass, requiring a higher security clearance.
- Staff Sergeant Doug Wright (new head of YVR detachment) says that a router could be put in for the internet for Crime Watch, but not sure who will handle the cost.
- Will Marie Salzl still be our Community Policing representative if we move to YVR?
- Kevin Kwast will call to find out about internet concerns and about Marie Salzl.
- Kevin states that with Crime Watch being located at the airport, we might be required/asked to do more operations/assistance at YVR.

2) Finance

- Money for Radio Licensing – this is the first year the City has not put aside funds to cover our radio licensing fee. Kevin has passed on information that Cathy Cowie warns Crime Watch to be prepared to pay for the fee and suggests that Crime Watch do fundraising to get the money for it.
- However, Crime Watch has been under the impression that we are not allowed to do our own fundraising. Vena suggested that we should meet with the person who prohibited Crime Watch from doing fundraising in the first place to talk about it.

- It was also suggested that Crime Watch become a Society in order to do our own fundraising and to handle our own money. But will we still be supported by the RCMP if we become a society?
- Might be an idea to check with Surrey Crime Prevention Society to check how they do funding, etc. Could also check with Dave Elder who set up the Burnaby Crime Prevention Society.
- Issue: If Crime Watch has to do our own fundraising from now on but is not in control of the money earned from the fundraising.
- Kevin Kwast will ask Ward Clapham about our funding issues.
- Kevin stated that Crime Watch is a “program supported by the RCMP” but not an RCMP program. In addition, Kevin stated that the RCMP wants Crime Watch to be on our own, to handle our own funding, etc. This brought up issues of a possible undermining of the Crime Watch program.
- It was suggested that Crime Watch needs to meet with Ward Clapham to find out what our program’s mandate is at the present time.

<Kevin Kwast left meeting at 20:15>

3) Mall Display

- Alex Lee (ICBC) liked our display, but wants to see more write-ups with the displays and posters
- Counter Attack is out of ICBC’s hands now, but they will give us a list of plates for our patrols noting regulations on when vehicles should be on the road, etc.

Adjournment: 20:33

*minutes recorded by Darren Gallvitz