

Richmond Citizen's Crime Watch Patrol

Special Meeting

YVR Sub-Detachment
Tuesday, May 31, 2005 19:30

Present: Darren Gallvitz, Rod Bruchet, Steve Scott, Dilbir Bains, Jim Howard Vena Lanji, Sgt. Maria Salzl, Cst. Tai Chang, Walter Tyrrell

With regrets: Jane Bruchet, Fermie Wilder

-All present reviewed the new office of Crime Watch. Walter will speak to YVR S/Sgt. Doug Wright regarding putting the high-speed internet in to the Crime Watch office. Maria will look in to chairs for the office.

-Rod outlined his concerns regarding our previous Liaison Officer and how he was detrimental to the program's success.

-Rod questioned Tai as to how he would like to see his involvement in the program carried out. Maria said she would like to see Crime Watch continue their own leadership with Tai being involved in the process of decision making, etc.

-Maria said that in this coming year's budget she will be asking Cathy Cowie for a budget for Crime Watch in the neighbourhood of \$5000 or whatever our operating costs per year would be. She noted the Richmond RCMP were looking to launch new fundraising initiatives.

-Maria added that Crime Watch and the program's expenses were discussed at a previous meeting regarding fundraising.

-Rod asked if Radio Licensing was going to be covered, Maria said she is talking to Cathy about it and doesn't believe it will be a problem to have it paid for.

-Rod told Tai that we really want the lines of communication to be re-opened between the Crime Watch program and the RCMP.

-Rod re-requested written proof of insurance from the RCMP. Maria said she has tried but this information is not forthcoming. She will try again to obtain a written copy of the policy.

-Jim informed Maria and Tai that in order for Crime Watch to use City Hall for weekend training sessions we need to book the room through the RCMP. Maria said that would be no problem and she would ensure they take care of it when we request it.

-Rod informed the group that applications are in the clearing phase and are nearing completion. Some forms were misfiled originally.

-Rod informed Tai we would like to see an increase in the delivery of a briefing report for Crime Watch patrols.

-Maria said she would like to see our successes celebrated more.

-Rod and Maria agreed that a media campaign for Crime Watch to coincide with our move would be good. Maria and Tai will talk with Cpl. Peter Thiessen about taking our program to the media.

-Tai will provide 10 sheets of blank business cards for Executive Members (Coordinators).

-Maria proposed having a mail basket at the Main Detachment for Crime Watch. This mail will then be forwarded to the YVR Sub-Detachment. There is an outgoing mail basket near the front door of the Sub-Detachment. Tai will talk to the lady responsible for mail services.

Next Executive Meeting called for Monday, July 4th at 1900 at City Hall. Vena will look in to booking the room.