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Community Town Hall Security Meeting

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- **INTRODUCTION:**

- Greetings - Welcome to Meeting – Intro for present Board Members, especially Dale Kagey, our new Board Member at Large!
- Everyone comfortable? Got Coffee?
- This is going to be a “Donahue, Oprah and Dr. Phil” kind of meeting, with a lot of back and forth discussions. No, you will not be given a car. This meeting will only work if you speak up. The Board members moderating this meeting are not here to convince you of the way our Security should go, but to present information to help with our discussions. There will be hand-outs and a lot of stuff for you to talk about and for us to listen to.
- Before we begin, let’s go over the “Rules of the Road” for this meeting:
 - Again, we will be presenting a “bunch” of information in this meeting. Please speak up or throw something at us if we aren’t making sense. We’re here to gather ideas & opinions, we want to hear you!
 - Since we will be talking about some different kind of issues, we all need to be respectful of each other and make sure we all understand your questions and the answers we may give. I guess I’m saying, **Let’s all be respectful of each other.**
 - We don’t expect everyone will 100% agree on some of the items to be discussed, but it’s the differences we may have that makes for better decisions in the end.
 - Let’s all try to keep comments brief and concise so we can keep the meeting rolling along. I’ll try and keep my soap-box put away and hopefully you will too.
 - This meeting is part of our Budgeting process. Next year’s budget needs a number to plug in for Security Costs, but we cannot come up with this Security cost number without the memberships help and guidance. We’re assuming you do not want the Board to be the only ones making these Security decisions.
 - Just so you know, we plan on presenting next year’s Budget to you in June.
- **LET’S TALK SECURITY!**
 - If we’re going to talk about security here at Timberlake, we have to have some sort of an idea of what we’re talking about and where do we want to go.
 - In this meeting, we’d like to get some directions on what security tasks are requested from the membership, your feelings on what is an adequate yearly budget and who should provide these tasks. Don’t worry right now about these, we’ll work through them all.
 - Please let me be clear, the Board is not advocating a set level of spending. This will be left up to the membership.

- At the end of this meeting, we may not have one, single solution... but we will all know more of what we want and maybe how to come to a common solution.
- Just to clarify, when I say SECURITY, that includes all that could provide us with Security services, from the Mason County Sheriffs Department, Security Companies and maybe even Block or Neighborhood Watches.
- Got a couple of questions for y'all.
- **QUESTION: What has happened to you that makes you aware of Security, or a lack of Security?** (post-its)
 - Activities by neighbors
 - Long response time by Sheriff
 - Speeding
 - Retaliation
 - Personal threats
 - Fearful for safety
 - What can we do for ourselves?
- **QUESTION: What about Security makes you feel safer, or your life better?** (post-its)
 - Only option is 911
 - Speed bumps
 - Neighbors can watch out for each other
 - Community presence – say something
 - Security cameras
 - Monitored security cameras
 - Make members aware
 - Patrols – visual presence
 - Motion activated lights
 - Porch lights
 - Sheriff onsite regularly
 - Permanent radar speed monitoring
 - Periodic speed monitors
- **OUR SECURITY SITUATION RIGHT NOW**
 - **Read SHERIFF'S status ~ Attached**
 - Since the Sheriff's Department is unable to hang out at our HOA anymore, what should we do? Just a side note, since we are Mason County residents, the Sheriff's Department will provide policing as part of our county taxes and just the same as the rest of Mason County residents receive.
 - **Hand out crime statistics sheet ~ Attached**
 - From Deputy Chief Jason Dracoby, run this last week.
 - Burglary: Entering a building or residence to take stuff
 - Robbery: Taking by force and/or intimidation

- Theft: Stealing things from people.
- Talk about the hand out. Discuss the meanings of terms.
- **SHOULD OTHERS PROVIDE US SECURITY SERVICES?**
 - Our Attorney our advises our HOA to not direct hire personnel to provide security services.
 - Block watch and/or neighborhood watches, not affiliated with the HOA are great. Too much liability if we hire someone directly.
 - **Would you just rather rely on self-run block-watches and Neighborhood-Watch type groups for our HOA?** (discussion)
 - Several plans of action should be used, sheriff/private/cameras
 - Liability fall on private security companies and the sheriff's office, if we hire an employee the liability would fall on the HOA this is not recommended
 - Block Watch and Volunteers would be it's own entity, not affiliated with the HOA. They can report at meetings but they are not a committee!
 - A few years ago TCC had a Neighborhood Watch program which is different from the block watch program ~ this was disbanded due to volunteers over extending their authority.
 - It would be inadequate to hire just a security company or the sheriff's, a multi-faceted approach along with strong neighbors.
- **CAPABILITIES**
 - Before we talk about specific tasks companies or departments can do for us, let's talk about what, generally, they are allowed to do.
 - **Security Companies** – Generally....
 - Can be armed or unarmed. I had one security company owner say that arming officers does not provide that much more of an edge, and just costs more with increased liability.
 - Can Patrol in marked cars, take pictures and provide observation reports.
 - Can walk the parks and "roust" unauthorized campers.
 - Will avoid physical altercations as a rule. Cannot detain suspects.
 - Can ask for Proof of Membership Identification at our parks and fishing docks.
 - Can observe boats and report ones that are not registered to the HOA covenants compliance person.
 - Will call 911 in an emergency or threatening situation. They will not call in or file reports to the Sheriff office for members.
 - Requires Timberlake Board Supervision for contract compliance and time charging. Requires periodic supervisor ride-a longs.
 - Employee turn-over should be expected.
 - Expect these providers to charge \$50 hour.
 - **Mason County Sheriff Department**

- Sheriff Department and Deputies have established legal authority.
- Have power to arrest and are always armed.
 - Can provide HOA policing patrols and immediately respond to situations.
 - Can follow up with individual members concerning reports phoned in.
 - Can detain bad guys.
 - Can call upon K9 units and back-up assistance as needed.
 - Can provide traffic/speeder control (issue tickets). Speeder control can be at HOA requested locations and times.
 - Can tie into department information prior to their shift here.
 - Deputies with highest seniority will fill shifts first come basis.
 - No guarantee that one Deputy will fill our shifts.
 - Expect the Sheriff's Department to charge \$65 to \$85 hour. Again, \$85 is used in our spreadsheets.
- **Without thinking about who provides the services, what security tasks are important to you? (Willing to pay for?)** (post-its)
 - Visibility
 - Crime prevention
 - Mobile presence
 - Monitoring certain properties
 - Daily presence
 - Checking IDs
 - More than private security can
 - Can do something immediately
 - Traffic control
 - Power to arrest/detain
- **TASKS WANTED BY MEMBERSHIP**
 - Before we launch into this subject, remember the question from the start of the meeting, "What about Security makes you feel safer, or your life better?", thinking about this previous question, and from the capabilities of what department or company can do, we just talked about, **"Let's look at the list of security tasks we just created. Let's now include who is to do each task.** (post-its)
 - Visibility – All
 - Crime prevention - All
 - Mobile presence – Sheriff/Security
 - Monitoring certain properties - All
 - Daily presence - All
 - Checking IDs – Security/Neighborhood watch
 - More than private security can - Sheriff
 - Can do something immediately - Sheriff
 - Traffic control - Sheriff

- Power to arrest/detain - Sheriff

- **OVERALL BUDGET TO BE SPENT?**
 - The current past two years Timberlake has allocated \$40,000 for security.
 - Both years have been underspent. As an example, last year only \$26,000 was used by the Sherriff. We have to assume that they were too busy with higher priority calls to use the full \$40,000.
 - \$40,000 a year is about \$30 (\$2.50 per month) per year per property.
 - **(OPINIONS? How do you feel about that amount? Is it too much? Not enough? What level should it be at?)** (Discussion)
 - More than the \$40,000 in the current budget
 - How much is 40 hours per week for the Sheriff? (\$176,000)
 - \$50,000 (aligns with example provided)
 - \$100,000
 - \$160,000

- **LET'S RECAP AND GO OVER WHAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT**
 - We've gotten your feelings about what tasks are important to you.
 - We've talked about the importance of who should provide these tasks
 - The subject of overall cost has been looked at, and hopefully we've been given an approximate amount to work with?
 - Once we've receive all of the parts, such as tasks, who and what... your Board can create a task/cost spread sheet.
 - **Hand out sample options spread sheet ~ attached**
 - The spread sheet should reflect the memberships' wishes.
 - The spread sheet will be presented at an upcoming community meeting and be published on our website. The final Security number will be used in our next years budget.

- **Adjournment**
 - Thank you all for contributing to this in-depth meeting. Hopefully you all have had a chance to voice your opinions and have felt heard and valued.
 - And now the winner of the car is.....
 - Meeting adjourned.