

What do *you* value?

Organization: Fox Hill Athletic Association

Meeting Date: March 23, 2010

in Attendance: 29

- Resident of Beach Rd: The areas most concerned about is flooding – drainage ditch and repairs (General consensus received)
- The public works department does a great job. I would hate to see Police, Fire, and garbage collection cut back and go away. (General consensus received)
- They have been waiting for core engineers for too long.
- City needs to start cutting back. We asked for a Fox Hill sign; we were asked to cut back for Fox Hill sign. City needs to tighten their pants.
- Public safety in Fox Hill – we have a rash of break-ins. The Police say that if you're not reporting anything; we cannot get anything down there.
- The last police officer said one police officer is covering Phoebus.
- Not enough patrol s for police who service the Fox Hill, Grand View area
- Personally, we have great rapport with Police. The Police say to call in every little thing that happens in Fox Hill and elderly neighbors called in something and the policemen are there. They see the people walk out of the Nature Preserve, and they didn't do anything. They parked on Adriatic, but they were IN the nature preserve.
- There are probably five policemen a night patrolling Buckroe.
- I think we need more police in Hampton.
- In January, my husband's car was broken into at 5:30am, they didn't take anything. I was concerned that they were lingering in the back. 911 told her that it could be 15-30 minutes before an officer responds. An officer came but wasn't in the right attire and would not write a report. The officer said "It will probably be until lunchtime until somebody gets and writes a report." The police also said that "nothing happens down here." Police were "advertising" that there are no police in the area (by saying their comments out loud).
- There is speeding down our street, but police are sitting at the wrong spot; they sit at the curb.
- Great job on citizen notification (General consensus received)
- If Jim Wilson's budget is cut, it means that we cannot provide the services that we provide for our kids (sports related). Little organizations are folding because they are not as established, or they don't have funds. This means that our kids have nobody to play with. This also means that there's more crime since kids are on the streets.
- Youth athletics is very important to our community (General consensus received)
- All of Parks and Recreation is important.

- Elderly need their (Parks and Recreation) services, as much as young kids do.
- We don't have any community centers like other areas; it is a place where kids gather
- Our programs (Athletic Association) are all these children have.
- Fox Hill drainage area is in drastic need for help.
- We have big retention ponds, but they just build up.
- My primary concern is drainage in Fox Hill area (General consensus received)
- I haven't had flooding problems, but my in-laws have experienced flooding 5 times and lost everything. The City bought 6 houses and built 2 holding ponds. It took 20 years for the 2 holding ponds in Buckroe to finish!
- There are many times during the year that we could have 2 sports running, but we don't have enough fields in this area that are provided by the city.
- We don't have community centers in this end of the city.
- Just for basketball, we have to pay to use Symms gym – 410/hr for our kids to be able to practice. We have 7 teams, and we have the gym for 3 hours. There are no open gyms for us to use. We shouldn't have to pay for other city services like school gyms.
- My experience being Commissioner – the city doesn't like Fox Hill. It took two years to get our neighborhood sign.
- I got blamed for not having a Neighborhood Commissioner for this district, because I'm telling them not to be.
- Neighborhood Office is not applying same rules and regulations to all neighborhoods.
- You should be consistent with your treatment of all the neighborhoods.
- The newspaper had an article that East Hampton got \$12,000; there's another area that got \$80,000 for their signs. There's no consistency.
- Our sign has been stolen, but thanks to the Police we got it back. It was in bad shape; that's why we wanted a new sign.
- We were invited to attend a meeting at YH Thomas with Old North Hampton (by the Neighborhood Office). They were trying to come up with a way to get more money from the Neighborhood Office. They want a field day with sports activities and indoor have some dance instruction. I couldn't participate in getting them a \$1,000 grant. That's wasteful use of money.
- Neighborhood Office gave money to Northampton for a picnic.
- I know how to save money – cut the Neighborhood Office.
- The Historical Society received a letter from the Unity Commission. They need to introduce the Commissioners. I didn't recognize their names and I cannot support it.
- The Fox Hill Historical Society was asked to give facts and pictures for historical markers. There were 6; we did 5. We were pressured and pushed to finish them. We submitted everything – folder,

photos, and facts. We're confused. When are the signs going to be put up? It has been a year since they collected the facts and the markers are still not up. They lost the information that we submitted to them.

- The Neighborhood Office has done the same thing over the years.
- There's not a lot of love here for the Neighborhood Office.
- A Neighborhood Office staff member was given the facts before she retired; but things were not passed on and were lost.
- With the \$19M shortfall, how much is coming from the school?
- Suggestion: consider replacing the "desk" officer/s who retires, with field officer/s.
- Cadets are good enough – have them come down; we just need the presence.
- The worry is when they hear where the call is coming from, they would not respond and put us on the back burner.
- Don't cut garbage collection; when we flood, we need them! If we can't get rid of garbage and debris, it clogs the drainage ditches
- Speeding and danger on Beach Rd. We don't have a school crossing guard at all.
- A school crossing guard would help a lot, especially in the morning. My kids were late all the time, because of heavy traffic and the lack of a school crossing guard.
- I live close to the school and I can't get out of the driveway. No one can go in and out of the school area
- Until you can see the 911 dispatch operation, you would not really know what's going on! Please go up there and watch what happens.
- This is our community. What I am concerned about is, we need some preventative measures with police monitoring. Police should go back and forth in this community.
- There are gangs back in Hall Rd.
- I don't want anybody in Fox Hill getting killed.
- We should have a community center here in Fox Hill.
- BUT I am glad with what the city gave us. We don't need a new one; at least we have one.
- If there is more recreation in this area, we could have a gang-free community; there would be less crime.
- I want to know, where is the bulk of the \$19 deficit coming from?
- What is the big area that will take the hit? What is the area you are going to take the most from?
- Scale back in Neighborhood Office and enhance police, fire and drainage. Expand parks and recreation if possible. (General consensus received)
- In the budget, do you plan for the new budget to have \$10M, to be distributed to universities at \$1/year for the next 10 years?

- What about the new courthouse? What's being built on Old Buckroe Rd? More soccer fields?
- City Council - A few elderly people complained about the athletic association facilities and soccer fields and thus, a City Council member voted against keeping these facilities

Note: All questions were answered.