

## **Warm Sands Neighborhood Organization**

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### **Neighborhood Watch Meeting – May 6, 2007**

**Attendees:** Bill P., Max, Bill B., John, Deanna, Grace, Frank, Doug and Don

**Streets Represented:** Santa Rosa, Abronia, Palo Fierro, Thronhill and the west section of Parocela

- **Lots of Vacant Properties in Warm Sands.**
  - At least 60 Properties are vacant. We talked about being aware of the vacant apartments around us.
- **Make other WSNO members aware of current crime – Email**
  - We discussed setting up a traditional Neighborhood Watch with Block Captains. This goal will take time and more participation. Until then we discussed making the general membership aware of current crime so that they may take action (lock doors and windows, move the car to the garage, etc.).
  - Saturday's Palm Springs Sun that lists current crime.
- **Neighborhood Watch Signs - \$166.00**
  - We discussed the need for Neighborhood Watch signs. I counted 25 signs needed. 2 or 3 more could be purchased for the trailer park. Assuming there is no charge from the city to install these signs, I estimate that we will need at least \$700 additional dollars.
  - Doug said he would go solicit funds from the resort owners. Council member Chris Mills (\$66.00) and the owner of Desert Paradise (\$100.00) donated the current \$166.00.
  - Since our Neighborhood Watch meeting I've heard that the City's Office of Neighborhood Involvement might be offering Neighborhood Organizations these sign at half price.
- **False alarms – Police take 45 minutes to respond to these**

- 9 in the month of February. It was agreed that we need to understand the current monetary fine structure and the reasons for false alarms. Bill was going to get more information for our next meeting.

- **Tahquitz Creek Yacht Club**

- We discussed the graffiti, trash and the homeless that can be found in the Tahquitz wash. The homeless and gang members must come through our neighborhood to get to the wash. Several at our neighborhood watch meeting commented on the people with shopping carts walking through Warm Sands. Bill commented on seeing the same gang tags in Warm Sands as well at the Wash and points between. The general consensus was that we continue to support efforts to clean up the wash. Graffiti Control Phone number is 760/778-8469.

- **Midnight Walk thru the Neighborhood**

-We discussed a monthly or weekly walk through the neighborhood. A group of residents with flashlights would form a late at night walk. This would show other neighbors as well as visitors that there are neighbors watching!

**NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING WILL BE**

**JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> @ 6PM AT THE STARBUCKS NEAR SUNNY DUNES.**