

**PANTHER CREEK VILLAGE ASSOCIATION MEETING
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 11, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Matthew Barnes at 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

(Y = in attendance, N = not in attendance, * = board was notified in advance regarding attendance)

Board Member	Title	Aug '22	Jul '22	Jun '22
A Positions (elected in odd years)				
Barnes, Matthew (President)	President	Y	Y	Y
Kowalski, Kevin (Secretary)	Secretary	Y	N	Y
Ellis, Michael	Area Rep	Y	Y	N*
Lockwood, Dewey	Area Rep	Y	N	Y
Leavitt, Brian	Area Rep	Y	Y	Y
Gebolys, Paul	Area Rep	N	Y	N
Hanlin, Kristen	Area Rep	N	N	N
Lisiewski, Walter	Area Rep	Y	Y	N
Lochridge, Gene	Area Rep	Y	Y	Y
B Positions (elected in even years)				
Fernholz, Alyssa	Area Rep	Y	N	Y
Blackman, Jennifer	Area Rep	Y	Y	Y
Freeman, Drew (Treasurer)	Treasurer	Y	Y	Y
Powell, Cynthia	Area Rep	N	Y	Y
Reyna, Tina	Area Rep	Y	N	Y
Reynolds, Mindy	Vice President	Y	N	Y
<i>open</i>				
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Non-voting Members				
Ison, Everett	Past President	N	Y	Y

MCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Report provided by Specialist Carlos Tavaraz:

Stat	Aug '22	Jul '22	Jun '22	Apr '22	Mar '22
DWIs	3		1	7	1
PI	1		0	2	1
Narcotics calls	6		3	3	8

Burglaries of vehicles	4	1	1	3	0
Burglaries of habitations	0	2	0	0	0
Burglaries of buildings	0	0	0	1	1
Criminal mischiefs	3		1	1	2
Vehicle crashes	7	9	11	12	15
Traffic stops	248	368	395	427	382
Vacation watches	509	423	258	168	140
Directive area patrols	223		288	280	214
Total calls for service	1,307	1,335	1,289	1,218	1114
Suspicious persons	27	17	23	24	21
Suspicious vehicles	10	12	14	16	8
Welfare Checks	44	27	42	36	47

It was shared that Specialis Medina is not longer with the department.

Specialist Tavarez called attention to and promoted:

- autism awareness efforts that have been ongoing
- the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office app
- awareness about scams of various kinds that are prevalent; in particular, he called out the "grandkids scam" and an ongoing IRS scam
- awareness about how Apple Airtags can be useful for tracking belongings, but it's important to know that others can use them to track you/your belongings

RESIDENT & PUBLIC COMMENT

A resident addressed the attendees about efforts over 10 years to get actions on architectural standards on a neighbor. The home is in disrepair and falling into poorer and poorer shape. The street where the home is located is Yew Leaf Dr.

Walt advised that the Development Standards Committee can be addressed and the request can be put on record (1st and 3rd Wednesday each month @ 5pm...the next meeting is on August 17th).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORS (insert name, as applicable)

N/A

SECRETARY

- Kevin confirmed a couple of requested updates from Dewey had been incorporated.
- Tina made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Mindy. All approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- There was a question about last year's grant money that was not received; it was confirmed that last year we did not receive the grant due to some items not being completed. It was also confirmed that we have not
- Mindy made a motion to approve, seconded by Dewey. All approved.

VILLAGE LIAISON

Amy Tidwell provided updates on upcoming events, including:

- National Night Out Neighborhood Parties on October 2nd from 3-6pm; registrations are now online for the parties
- National Night Out Safety Expo is on October 15th at Northshore Park

PARKS AND RECREATION

Matthew provided updates on the following:

- a regular cadence of Parks and Rec meetings will be starting next month; there were no meetings during the summer
- There is a competition to win a \$75K grant that would cover a bird blind and a nature class room at George Mitchell Nature Preserve; 9 communities are competing for the grant (2 in Texas, the rest in Florida); voting for the grant can be done online, and a flyer with a QR code was shared

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Dewey provided updates, including:

- Next month is Boots & Badges softball game at McCullough (September 17th)
- there was a lengthy Law Enforcement meeting recently; the next meeting will be in October
- Awareness was raised about catalytic converters and the trend of them being stolen; of many that they capture, there's nothing that can be done without ID's (e.g. VINs) on the converters; the primary targets are pickups and SUVs because of ease of access
- There was discussion about fraud and scams targeting seniors
- Awareness was also raised about internet crimes involving children and teenagers; it's not uncommon for people to make friends and send pictures that trend towards sharing pictures; caution was urged around sharing any photos
- It was shared that, regarding weapons, especially here in Texas, we have rights AND responsibilities; a problem is that gun owners often don't know their serial numbers, meaning no report can be filed.
- Safe harbor (dealing with children up to 17 years old) was discussed at length at the recent Law Enforcement meeting; we have an assessment center up in Conroe; half of the people there are law enforcement and the other half is composed of counselors and investigators; they'll investigate abuse cases and deaths suspected to have been caused by abuse

MUD

Walt shared an update on behalf of MUD 1, including:

- Funding was recently obtained for the drainage near the Woodlands High School; five of the MUDs worked together to get the funding
- A recent effort kicked off to look at and review the drought contingency plan; for a few years now, we've been on a defined water schedule based on that plan (e.g. days of the week allowed to water)
- Awareness was raised regarding the website for Woodlands Water and its features, including the means for getting reimbursement for expenses on qualified items (e.g. rain barrels, native plants, drip irrigation); website visitors can click through on "rebates" to find information

- The website can also be used for signing up for the water smart program can send notifications about water usage (e.g. usage in a day, likelihood of a water leak); the program utilizes data from the new smart meters
- The website can also be used for scheduling the W.I.S.E. Guys service to come out to look at irrigation systems.
- On the website, users can pull up FEMA maps for help in making decisions about flood insurance.
- Soon, MUD meetings will be shown live online going forward

COMMUNICATIONS

- Jennifer provided updates regarding the PCVA website, including:
 - o The website has seen increased traffic; up to 141 unique visitors with longer average durations; 1.67K impressions on Google with 51 clicks through
 - o Most traffic is direct traffic, second most is Google
 - o Meeting minutes are being updated once they are in pdf form
- Matthew provided updates regarding the newsletter:
 - o There are 650 email addresses receiving the newsletters
 - o More than half of those are being opened
- There was open discussion regarding a potential business directory on the website. Discussion highlights included the following:
 - o Need to determine how we might feature icons for Panther Creek businesses
 - o Will also need to determine how we'd manage that and how businesses would be charged / kept informed about the exposure they get
 - o There was discussion around funding possibilities:
 - Alden Bridge approaches it as a means to raise scholarship funds
 - One suggestion was to use funds from sponsoring businesses to give to PTAs
 - It was also proposed that we consider a fee to charge (perhaps annually)
 - o It was agreed that a business directory would be added to the website for local businesses; there will be further discussion to move forward, starting with small steps.
- Regarding the Woodlands Magazine, there was discussion about creating a plan, maybe a yearly plan, to prepare content well in advance. Further discussion to be had.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- With school starting, the plan will be to start connecting with counselors.

BY-LAW Committee

- No updates; Michael said a proposal is targeted for next meeting

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

- Regarding an issue raised recently about Boy Scouts being limited in their ability to have a presence on school campuses:
 - Matthew presented the issue to the Township Board and Ann Snyder is going to look into it further
 - They have not been able to make appearances at the CISD open houses for about 10 years

- Mindy shared that Ashley Ferhle, a Panther Creek resident, may be another valuable advocate for the issue.
- Amy shared that she saw Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts at a recent meet the teacher event.
- Regarding the December meeting:
 - There was discussion about the need to have someone in charge; no decisions were finalized.
 - There was also agreement around keeping the meeting / party in Panther Creek (i.e. at a Panther Creek restaurant).

OLD BUSINESS

Movie Night

- October 8th, the park is reserved and the church parking lot across the street is reserved.
- We are currently looking at to 2 different vendors for the tech set up (looking for pricing and info about potential movie options)
- Tina volunteered to reach out to local businesses for donations
- The intention is to have refreshments (including popcorn, etc) but it will depend on the overall budget; may have a vendor like Pizza Tonight providing food

Flea Market

- No change or update regarding location; December 3rd at the Pavillion parking lot is still the venue
- Ideally, would like to have a venue (e.g. a parking garage) with no time constraints
- The Pavillion parking lot has 3 different parties who have rights and preferences about its use

Committee Communication

- Jennifer raised for the discussion the topic of committee communication and shared some ideas for consideration:
 - Looked at Google Spaces (free for access to anyone with a gmail address), also looked at Slack
 - It was recommended we create a space for the whole committee and then sub-spaces for the smaller committees
 - Ring Central was also proposed by a resident in attendance
 - It was agreed that we'd investigate further

NEW BUSINESS

Candidate Forums at Board Meetings

- A candidate up for election has asked for an opportunity to address the committee
- There was discussion about whether we should consider having a meeting in October in a separate location dedicated
- There was also discussion about having a regular meeting and limit attendees to 3 minutes.
- Agreement was reached around having the October meeting from 6-7pm at the Sterling Ridge Kroger; each candidate would get 5 minutes to use however they want.
- Michael made a motion, Gene seconded; the motion was passed.

Guest Introductions

- Gene offered a suggestion that we have all guests introduce themselves at the beginning of each meeting.

ROUNDTABLE & ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM

Minutes submitted by Kevin Kowalski, Panther Creek Village Association.