

June 19, 2012

Safety Committee Minutes

Attendees: Norma Brambila (Resident/Connector), Jose Esparza (LWW), Maria Juarez, Rosa (), Christina Amparan (GRID), ? (), Indira (Interpreter)

Attendee Demographics: 3 women over 18 years old with children; 1 girl under 18 years old; 1 man over 18 years old. Also in attendance 1 representative of ? (did not participate) and 1 interpreter.

The meeting began with introductions describing who each member represents and how long they have been working with the Westwood community.

The group discussed times for future meetings that would allow for more resident participation since no residents donated their time for the meeting.

The group decided that the best time to meet would be at 1pm on Tuesday July 24th.

Rosa and Norma both raised concerns about the community of Westwood and their relationship to the police. Both feel that the community is afraid to put themselves in a situation where they have to interact directly with the police.

Christina raised the question of having Lawyers speak to the community members before we invite the police to come to a meeting. Everyone agreed that having the lawyers first might help.

What can we do to get residents to the meeting?

- Invitations
- Churches and gardens
- Market the meeting agenda with invitations

Action Items:

- For the next meeting Christina will invite SWCoalition.
- Jose will reserve the BuCu West Conference Room.
- Maria will invite more people her age to the next meeting.
- Jose will work with Norma to get more information about the dangers at Munroe and Castro. What times are the kids most aggressive and causing problems. Jose will get that information to Christina and Christina will relay it to the Commander.
- Jose will make fliers
- Christina will ensure that there is a bike safety event run by the police for the kids.
- Christina will invite lawyers for the next meeting to speak with the community members.