

2017 4th Quarter Board Meeting - Overview

1) The Board discussed adding up to 20 hours per week of additional police patrol through the neighborhood during the 48 hours per week that Cypress Creek Lakes does not currently have patrols covered through the MUD contract. The Board has been considering this program over the last couple of months through communications with Constable Frank Salas to gather information and coordinate coverage needs and associated costs. In lieu of recent criminal events that have occurred within Cypress Creek Lakes the Board felt the need to schedule the Board Meeting early in the quarter so that this program could be formally discussed and voted on, and if passed it could be implemented as soon as possible. The Board unanimously approved the additional 20 hour per week police patrols, as a trial program, beginning 10/16 and running through until the 2018 1st Quarter Board Meeting where metrics will be evaluated for effectiveness and a vote will take place to determine whether the program warrants continuation. The Board felt this timeframe offered a good sampling of conditions which also included major holidays and time when students will be out of school. Here is a summary of the details of the pilot program:

- Rate is \$37.50/hour (hours worked on one of the 6 major holidays is 1.5X = \$56.25) and invoicing will be handled through the Crest Management system similar to how other vendors working for the community are paid
- Total cost for 4 hours/day (M-F) equaling 20 hours/week for a maximum 24 weeks (10/16 – 3/30) is \$18,225, including 12 hours Holiday Pay
- Patrol hours scheduled will attempt to optimize times of need not currently covered under current MUD contract. This will be adjusted if needs appear to change, but the program will begin with the following schedule:
 - Monday: 10:00am – 2:00pm
 - Tuesday: 7:00pm – 11:00pm
 - Wednesday: 7:00pm – 11:00pm
 - Thursday: 11:00pm – 3:00am
 - Friday: 11:00pm – 3:00am
- Since patrols are funded through POA money for officers working outside of their normal full-time positions, 100% of their time spent will only be in the Cypress Creek Lakes community.
 - At this time patrols will be limited to only Phase 1 and 2 of the community. The hope is that Phase 3 will participate as well after their Board approves their 2018 Budget at their next annual meeting. Afterward they will then be able to discuss their associated costs and whether they wish to contribute to the program so that these CCL exclusive patrols can then be expanded to include the entire community.
- Patrols will consist of both marked and unmarked vehicles alternating randomly. There are arguments that could be made for either being better than the other, and this will allow the Board to evaluate both scenarios for consideration when the trial program is evaluated.

- Patrolling officers will ALWAYS be in full uniform, whether in a marked vehicle or not
 - Patrols will generally consist of driving 30-45 minutes and parked in various locations for 15-30 minutes per hour
 - Patrols will also place an emphasis on the traffic patterns of Cypress North Houston in hopes of improving the conditions
 - Although the Board wishes the additional police presence could eliminate criminal and misdemeanor behavior entirely within our community, it recognizes that on a practical basis this is highly unlikely. However, it is the hope that real improvements can be realized through proactive deterrence of any future undesirable behavior or activities within Cypress Creek Lakes.
- 2) A homeowner had asked about the status of the Towne Lake fence proposal along Cypress North Houston. The Board was able to collect signed agreements from 32 of the 33 homeowners needed in order for Towne Lake to proceed with their offer to replace the existing fence and maintain it for a minimum of 10 years, (1) homeowner declined the offer. A very constructive discussion was held between the Board and Towne Lake this week to discuss the results of the effort and both parties agreed to continue to explore any and all options, if any are available, due to the impressive support of the 32 participating homeowners. Both parties feel strongly that something can be worked out to improve the sightline along CNH and hopefully a plan can be implemented soon so that everyone can move forward and focus on other issues. The Board is still having discussions with TL and hopes to be able to post another update in the very near future.