

NORTHEAST CITIZENS PATROL

Meeting Notes

COORDINATORS MEETING

March 15, 2011

- **Introductions**
 - Introductions were made and the coordinators welcomed Justin Ware of Original Northwood
- **Review of Agenda**
 - **Additions to Agenda**
 - **Agenda Approval**
 - The agenda was approved without amendment
- **Review, amendment, and approval of meeting notes from the last Coordinators Meeting on January 18, 2011**
 - The notes from the meeting on January 18, 2011 were approved without amendment
- **Follow up from the last meeting of the coordinators:**
 - **At the last meeting it was suggested that a real attraction was the ability of middle school and high school students to earn service learning credits by participating in the NECOP with their parents or a responsible adult**
 - **The Baltimore City Schools has a Service Learning web site: <https://www.baltimorecityschools.org/21671031716521087/blank/browse.asp?A=383&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&C=56004>**
 - **It provides a form so that Community Based Organizations (CBO) can register with the system. Mike Hilliard has completed the form and the NECOP is registered as a participating CBO with the school system**
 - **At the last meeting it was suggested that the coordinators might consider writing and NECOP column or message and request it be placed in their community's newsletter.**
 - **Reports from coordinators who wrote articles for their community newsletters**
 - Cedmont, Hamilton Hills, and Loch Raven have posted columns or notices in their newsletters. Cedmont received interest from three couples as a result of the newsletter column.
 - **At the last meeting it was suggested at the last meeting that we hand out NECOP fliers to neighbors and at meetings.**
 - **Reports from coordinators who accomplished this.**
 - Both North Harford and Hamilton Hills make announcements about the NECOP at their meetings and they have fliers available at each meeting.
 - **At the last meeting it was suggested this June and August we consider having several NECOP Block parties solely for the NECOP in locations that could be attended by members of several communities. It was suggested that we invite the police and elected officials attend these events.**

The NECOP is a partnership of the communities of Northeast Baltimore, HARBEL, and the Baltimore Police Department's Northeast District, celebrating over 10 years of preventing crime in Northeast Baltimore.

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- **Progress on this issue.**
 - There was some discussion about holding a NECOP block party at a location that would be accessible to several communities.
 - Some locations that the coordinators felt should be considered for this purpose were:
 - The Northwood Plaza
 - Herring Run Park at Chesterfield and Belair
 - HARBEL
 - Stadium Place
 - It was suggested that we choose a location to hold one block party this summer, as a pilot, and evaluate the results.
 - The coordinators decided to take action on this issue at their May meeting.
- **At the last meeting it was suggested that over the next few months the coordinators examine the practice of conducting the Ride Around on National Night Out Against Crime with a view toward potentially altering the event to one that will attract potential new members.**
 - **Thoughts on any changes to the Ride Around or conducting a different event instead of the Ride Around**
 - It was the consensus of the coordinators that the Ride Around was still a valuable marketing and recruitment tool. It also acted as a celebration of the Patrol's accomplishments for the past year, and an opportunity for community members, police, and elected officials to interact in a positive setting.
- **At the last meeting it was suggested that the coordinators review the NECOP web site at: www.necop.com and come to the next coordinators meeting with suggestions as to how it could be changed or updated.**
 - **Suggestions concerning changes to the web site.**
 - There were no suggestions concerning changes to the NECOP web site except those that follow under, "Issues from the coordinators"
 - Lisa Daniels indicated links to the NECOP and HARBEL should be added to the Northeast District map on the city web site.
 - *The link for the map Lisa is referring to is: <https://baltimorecity.gov/Residents/Neighborhoods.aspx?did=9> Links to both the NECOP and HARBEL have been added to the right side of the web page displaying this map*

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- **At the last meeting it was suggested the NECOP create a Facebook page.**
 - **A Facebook page was created for the NECOP.**
 - **Have coordinators become friends of the NECOP, and any suggestions as to changes to the page.**
 - Coordinators were encouraged to view the page and encouraged to “friend it” and ask others to “friend it.”
- **Upcoming recruiting Events**
 - **HARBEL Flea Market, Saturday, May 7, 2011, 9 AM – 1 PM**
 - Lisa Daniels and Rose Ratajczak indicated they would staff the NECOP booth at this event. Pat Huebner indicated she and Roland Huebner would staff the booth from 10 AM – 11 AM
 - **Hamilton Street Festival, Saturday, July 30, 2011, 11AM – 7 PM**
 - The coordinators agreed we should staff the NECOP booth at this event, and they decided to set the schedule for staffing this booth at the May meeting. Coordinators were asked to check their schedules to determine their availability to assist at this event.
- **Issues from coordinators**
 - **Suggestion from Martin Kopser of Ednor Gardens that we post on the NECOP web site a calendar that can be used by the coordinators to schedule their members**
 - **See attached Email from Martin and his example of the calendar**
 - The coordinators reviewed the sample scheduling tool provided by Martin Kopser of Ednor Gardens Lakeside. They suggested it be posted on the NECOP web site.
 - Rose Ratajczak raised an issue concerning police and patrol member communication, and Mike Hilliard offered to attempt to resolve the issue with the police.
- **Next Meeting Date**
 - The next meeting of the NECOP Coordinators will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 7:30 PM at HARBEL, 5807 Harford Rd.
- **Adjournment**
 - The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM