

Neighborhood Watch Orientation meeting on 10 February 2004

In attendance were a number of permanent residents of Runaway Bay, including members of the Transition Advisory Committee, and Officer Farmer of the Campbell County Sheriff's Office.

The meeting took place at the home of the TAC Treasurer Jane Long and her husband Ron Long, a member of the TAC Architectural Advisory Committee. The meeting provided an overview of the Campbell County Sheriff's "Neighborhood Watch" program. Jane introduced Officer Farmer who spoke to us on the benefits of a Neighborhood Watch group. He presented valuable information through a film and follow-up discussion. Officer Farmer distributed information packets and brought Neighborhood Watch signs in two sizes for us to consider. Officer Farmer reviewed where signs can and cannot be placed, made suggestions on how to make our homes safer, and advised us to call 911 if we have any concerns on any strange autos or unusual activity in the neighborhood.

The TAC was prepared to purchase the larger signs if the attending homeowners agreed that the Neighborhood Watch Program was a good tool for helping to prevent thefts and burglaries. The group unanimously agreed to the installation of signs within the development at strategic areas (entrance, boat launch, pavilion, and other areas). Ten signs were purchased at this time. The TAC will write River Oaks and get formal approval to put up the signs although Mr. Winters had already received verbal approval.

Most attendees also agreed to purchase individual "license plate size" smaller signs to place on their docks. The TAC may also purchase a few of these smaller signs to put up at common area facilities. We can purchase more signs from Officer Farmer as the need arises and dock owners wishing to purchase the smaller signs can do so from the TAC at cost.

We also developed a list of local autos for identification and will ask the part time residents to forward information on their autos to be added to the master list.

Mr. John Banyi volunteered to be the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. Mr. Ron Long and Mr. George Lacombe volunteered to be Block Captains. John will provide information packets on the Neighborhood Watch program to part time residents once River Oaks approves the use of the signs.

Respectively Submitted by,

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