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### GIVING TREE PROJECT

MINUTES November 21, 2023

#### WELCOME

Recognize those attending for the first time (Approx 30 new attended)  
Minutes-meeting 10/17/2023 (Distributed & Approved)  
Treasurer Report Area 7-8-9: Checking \$ 2658.79 Savings \$ 980.89  
By Laws Approval (Tabled for next meeting)

Bill  
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Kathy  
Diane  
Bill



#### ACTION REPORTS:

- Christmas Giving Tree project Kicks into Action Bill  
Requests and reminder to members to consider donating by cash, check or gift cards to CHASEN to ensure local families in need receive a memorable Christmas. We are Hoping to sponsor 12 children.
- Woodside K-8 School Update / Harvest Festival/Book Faire Kathy  
Updates included the success of Harvest Festival, Trunk or Treat, & Scholastic Book Faire. Reminder for the Box Tops App and the Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Cocoa and Community, Visit and Craft & Snack time.
- Orelle Creek Ct Athletic Shoe Drive by John Barth Bill / Tina  
Meeting ran long, no announcements were made.

#### PROGRAM PRESENTATION BY:

Impact –Police/Crime report for Citrus Heights, Attended by Mstr Sgt Janet Schaefer & Sgt Seth Cimino.

Mstr Sgt Janet Schaefer, Composite/Forensic Artist for CHPD presented her process and skills used to create suspect drawings. The steps include: Image Modification in age progression as well as Reverse ID ie: parents etc. Focus on Demonstrative Evidence such as angles and trajectory of weapon slugs and fraud. Reconstruction Images Post-Mortem, Composite Imaging such as History, Imagery, Technology and AI programs that can develop a picture based on simple descriptions. She touched lightly on False ID and “Mind Meld” which occurs when suggestions are presented by others and all witnesses suddenly agree and forget what they saw.

Victim Interviews are an integral part of her witnesses and gaining composites. She waits a few days to allow the trauma to settle in their minds; this let the “OodleLoops,” rapid memories that keep replaying in their minds slow down and focus is easier. She also wears street clothes so they are not further agitated by a police uniform.

She gave us tips to potentially help with remembering what witnesses may see during a crime; Smells, breath, sounds, and voice or speech triggers, as well as facial features and scars or permanent marks. Victims can request or suggest to officers they could work with an artist a few days after the event.

She also listened to complaints from residents regarding the Copperwood Square Shopping Center; homeless camping, theft, pan handling and possible drug involvement and Pastor’s Valero property; feces in the car wash, bathroom use for make-shift showers, hands aggressively being put on employees behind the counter and individuals milling around and pan handling. Another report was from the Montessori school on the back side of Copperwood; on camera feed proof of individuals using the children’s toys inappropriately leaving messes to be cleaned up daily. And shoppers and employees just feel generally unsafe at the center(s). There were several in agreement that police were called in many instances, reports made and “nothing was done.”

Sgt Schaefer reported that when she was told about the thefts and drug deals prior to our meeting she did some research and was surprised to find no reports had been made. There is a misconception that reporting crimes under a certain dollar amount are a waste of time. Sgt explained that reporting even small or attempted crime is important because it helps assignment of officers to “hot spots” around the city for patrol. She also reported that 2 individuals had been cited and released the day before the meeting at the Copperwood Center.

Sgt Schaefer told CHASEN members that she heard our concerns and has every intention of making it her “Personal project” to get to the alleged unresolved reports and the new ones presented that evening. The non-emergency phone number for CHPD is 916-727-5500 or on-line reports can be made. The community is encouraged to start making calls to make reports. She also shared a few apps; “SeeClickFix” and the city website for their somewhat new program for city beautification; when mess reports are made, the city has a team that cleans it up. Also LexisNexis which is a community crime map.

As comments continued it became evident there was some discrepancy between homeless concerns and crime concerns as well as mental illnesses. Councilwoman Jane Taff-Lopez briefly joined the conversation explaining how little cities actually receive from resident property taxes, also encouraged members to be sure to vote when the opportunity arises to help with funding desired needs and programs. She advised attendance at upcoming meetings; 11/27 Speaker County Supervisor Sue Frost and 12/5 Assemblyman Josh Hoover, both are 6pm at city hall.

Door Prize Drawing Recipient: Stan Munoz

UP COMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS:

December: No CHASEN meeting.

December 6<sup>th</sup> Annual City Tree Lighting

January: CHASEN Pizza Party Meet and Greet your neighbors!

LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT PARTNER WITH US FOR A SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY:

Bruins Legal Doc Prep

Country Waffle

Citrus Heights HART

Demattei Reals Estate

Just Serve

Corey’s Cards & Games

FoodMaxx

Tony’s Liquor & Deli

Easter’s Catholic Books & Gifts

Leatherby’s Family Creamery

Primo’s Auto Insurance

Narej Mediterranean Grocery

THANK YOU!

Kathy Milton  
CHASEN Secretary  
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