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Allison clark, Freeman

Allison clark 00:00

ers. Dustin hilus. All right. Well, we are here and we have quorum. So we can move on into our minutes. And if anyone else pops up, Mr. Freeman, if you'll just keep me abreast of that, I will add them to the roll call.

Freeman 00:25

Sounds good. Thank you.

Allison clark 00:27

Thank you. All right, I'd like to move forward with adopting the agenda and approving the minutes as a package deal. If I can get a motion.

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Can I have a motion to make an update to the agenda?

Allison clark 00:45

Okay, let's take the agenda separately. What is your motion?

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I wanted to see if we could remove the cap resolution agenda item. Since I know that I've recently touched base with Ted and he's in contact with DeKalb county leadership. So I didn't for him, there could be some changes to that. So I just didn't think it was relevant right now in case that might be different or not applicable for our group discussion?

Allison clark 01:14

Absolutely. If I can get a second. Easily I will second or second. Okay. I'll second. Thank you very much, Amy. And just as a quick comment, relative to that, I will let you all know that I did speak with Sid Terry, this afternoon, there will be some updates to the resolution. He's planning to have that together by close of business tomorrow. And so so long as that comes to fruition and is sent out to me and I will

make sure that it makes it out to the rest of the committee, and then we can go from there. With that, we've got a motion. We've got a second with a show of hands and voices all in favor. Aye. Aye.

Allison clark 02:08

Give me just a minute so I can make sure I accurately record this.

Allison clark 02:18

All righty, thank you all. It is so moved. The agenda has been updated with that will take the approval of the minutes separately since we made an adjustment to the agenda. Can I get a motion to approve minutes?

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I'll motion to approve the minutes. Nicole Moroccan.

Allison clark 02:43

Thank you, Nicole, can I get a second?

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I'll second. Me, Taylor.

Allison clark 02:50

Thank you again, Amy. And instead of taking a show show of hands, I'll just say if nobody objects, we will move forward with the minutes as written. If there are any objections, please speak now. All right, it has been moved. Thank you all very much that made that there. Easy peasy this evening. With that we can move directly into the security update. So we will talk to chief Tyus.

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All right.

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Good evening, everyone. As always, thanks for having me. And I'll be brief today. As always, we continue our bi weekly visits out to our property. And basically now we're just kind of doing aerial overviews of it. We're not putting a lot of man hours in there. The one significant thing we did do was last Thursday, September 22. We had all the tires on the property which just continuously are being we're being lit on fire. So thanks to Marcia Freeman and Police Foundation, we were able to get a contractor to come out and remove about 75 tons of tires out there. We started that morning about 7am. And we went through until about two o'clock, removing all the tires from that property. And it was about 75 times when we got done and five truckloads of tires. So we had about 25 officers on the property. We had a drone units up and we had our motors out there directing traffic. So hopefully hopefully did impact you all at all during that time. But we were able to get all those ties. And that was just huge. Because we were afraid that the protesters were going to end up starting a huge fire that would impact that immediate area to include your neighborhood. So that was a huge win for us. And that's the biggest thing we've had going and since then we continue to maintain a visual visual presence out there. And

so hopefully, hopefully, we can start moving up right what buildings here in the near future. So thank you all for being supportive. Are there any questions of me?

Allison clark 05:00

The floor is open for questions. Shawn Billingsley, I see your hand raised. Oh, no, let me Laurie. No worries, Shelly Nichols. Do you mean for your hand to be raised? Not at all. All right, I will. Or you.

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No worries. To me.

Allison clark 05:22

It appears that way. Let's see Amy Sanders rise. Amy, Is that intentional? All right, good. Yeah, unmute yourself and take the floor.

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Yes. Hi, thank you. Um, as far as that incident that you were just talking about? We, as far as the the immediate surrounding neighborhoods have asked repeatedly, for some kind of notification when there's stuff going on down there. So we're not worried. We're not questioning we're not, you know, like I, I ran straight into that roadblock. And I was like, what's going on? And I had no idea. So, you know, I was on my way to work. And then I was worried, because my daughter was home by herself. What was going on? And there was nothing on the Facebook, no kind of notification that we've asked several times for. So can we get something that we can look at? And find out what's going on? Also, here the last few days, we've been hearing repeated gunfire from that direction. Again, what's going on? We don't know is that is it somebody we need to call in about? Or is it testing or what's what's going on? We don't know we're in the dark. As far as when, when things start happening. And we've asked over and over some kind of notification would be nice. And we we've got nothing.

Allison clark 07:05

Amy, if I could jump in real quick. And two times before you respond, I did want to jump in and say that I shared notification relative to your community, I shared it to Nicole Murata so that at least you all would have an idea of what was taking place, and hopefully, you know, relative to this most recent incident, or I shouldn't even say incident instance of having activity at the site. And so the hope there was to make sure that, you know, anyone who was concerned would be aware, but I don't have and I don't know that APD would have a way to notify the community as a whole. And then relative to the gunfire, I can at least say from my community, our HOA gets updates when there is planned activity at the range, but we don't get updates for everything that happens, obviously. And so I just want to kind of throw that out there. And then the last piece that I will mention is one thing that I know that has been a hindrance for us is we can't know about everything before it happens because the information finds its way into the wrong hands. And so even when I you know had the information to share out to Nicole, it was once the operation was underway this past week. But with that, I will defer back to Chief Tyus for any input or updates that he has in response to your question.

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And let me just say real quick, it's not that we don't appreciate that you guys are down there, because we do. You know, we we would just like to know what's going on. Something would be nice. And and I understand that discretion is needed as far as criminals and things like that, though. But, you know, I think in this instance, as far as the tire situation goes. And and Alison Nicole did tell me about that. But it wasn't until I already knew about it hours later. You know, I it was eight o'clock in the morning when I was on my way to work. So

Allison clark 09:03

I just you saying you want to like that like to be made aware before it's happening?

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Yeah, yeah. Like, if they're planning to go down there and block off the road and, and do work or some kind of preliminary work that's going to keep things from getting worse. That's great. And I appreciate that. I just would like to not worry about my daughter.

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No, Amy, and I can appreciate that. And I think the way we're doing it, we're sending out to select individuals. And as Allison said, because we were limiting the number of people we were sending it to. But I think in the beginning I asked Allison for a copy of a list for an email blast, and I think I still have that email list. So what I can do is I'll still notify the key stakeholders tonight before I swore them to secrecy. But that morning moment where they're like six in the morning, I'll send out an email blast Hey, everybody. So that's, that's we open that email and take a look at it. Fantastic. I can do that for the group. And I understand your angst when you come on and see a bunch of police officers swarming the area. So I'll own that. And henceforth, and forevermore, I'm really sure that we're sending something out that morning, or I'm sending something out like six in the morning, that's not going to hinder our operation. So I'll try and send it out the moment we're boots on the ground. And that way, everybody will be in the same loop.

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That will be fantastic. I do very much appreciate that.

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Yes, ma'am. So thank you for your concerns.

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Do we have do we have an update on the gunfire that we've been hearing lately? So

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I won't speak on that other than to say we really haven't been out there. But what we have noticed, and we've spoken with the cab county is that they were out shooting a lot of fireworks that sounded like gunfire. So I know the cab kind of responds to those calls also, but we have had the protesters in the woods shooting fireworks. So the majority of that in the evening are going to be fireworks. If you look at your house, you'll probably see the streaks of light in the sky. So for whatever reason, they've taken the

doing that for the past couple of weeks is discharging fireworks, they even discharged some fireworks at some workers who were in the area. Maybe a couple of days ago.

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Yeah, well, well, I know Nicole and I were even talking earlier today. We were hearing it more around lunchtime. So as far as seeing lights in the sky, that's, that's gonna happen during the day.

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But yeah, that's more at night. But um, again, if we're out there practicing, I'll make sure we'll pushing that information out to you also. So you can distinguish between air quote, friendly fire and hostile fire. But yeah, let's just make sure that we have better communication going forward. Amy,

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thank you very much. Appreciate it. No worries.

Allison clark 12:00

Amy, quick question for you relative to your community, because you mentioned a Facebook page. When this when an activity is happening. You have a method of note notifying Starlight heights, I guess through that Facebook page. Okay.

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Yeah, we have we have a community page. Okay,

Allison clark 12:21

perfect. And Nicole, I see your hand is raised.

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Yeah, I was just gonna. And I don't know if it's gonna come up later. But just some of the firing sounds. Sorry, my dog is. But yeah, I've we've heard it. I've not heard it at night. I've only heard it in daytime. So I just wanted to clarify for that. And I guess I can just start calling it out.

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Again, I would encourage you to call with him. And so for that reason, that's another reason why we try not to disseminate a lot of information early. Because there's with the tar removal, you know, we had several contractors out there. And so we don't want to put them in harm's way by tipping our hand too early, and letting the protesters stage up and prepare defense for us. So that's why I know, they seem like this is shrouded in secrecy. But realistically, we're trying to protect the contractors and other civilians that are out there. I mean, the police were fine being in harm's way. But we really don't want to contract or or anyone other than the police who get injured, because of the tomfoolery that goes on out there.

Allison clark 13:33

Fair enough. And just a quick piece of input, I think after or maybe it was the on the tire removal event. I think, as I understand that went quite well. But at the end, it was reported to me by a neighbor that some tires were lit on fire in the middle of the road down by key and Fayetteville road.

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Yes, a tire was lit on fire. And that just goes back to us not revealing what we're doing too early so that they can stage up and rally up support to come out there. Okay.

Allison clark 14:07

Fair enough. And I know that was responded to quite quickly. I just wanted wanted that to go on record that, you know, at least that activity did happen that day.

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Yes. So the any more questions for me?

Allison clark 14:26

All right. Well, thank you, chief Tyus.

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Thank you, ma'am. Y'all have a good evening.

Allison clark 14:32

You as well. With that we can move into our next agenda item which is our future meeting priorities. And for that I will talk to Mr. Freeman.

Freeman 14:43

All right. Thank you. Good evening, everybody. Hope everybody had a good day today. I am going to share my screen here. But one of the things that we spoke quite a bit about in our last meeting was talking about when we look at the future

Freeman 15:00

For the rest of this year, what would our focus look like? So I've identified these three areas in which I'd like to sort of discuss, and then also then open up for any discussion, thoughts or feedback that you all may have. As we look to plan out the year, my goal was for everybody to sort of know what we're walking into. When I look through each of these, there are some pre reads and information that I think that we should likely disseminate. And also review before we get to the media till we can have some adequate discussion. And so in October, my idea and thought is that we go back to the conversation around the green space activation, some of the things in which we believe we can actually accomplish out there within the site. Obviously, not taken into consideration everything that you guys have already put forth, we've already incorporated and talking about what else we could do in addition to that, and then the site and facility stewardship is something that, in my conversations with the development team, is something that they'd like to bring forth as a really good presentation for us to also discuss. So when we think about that, we know we've talked about a little bit about us, you know, having the LEED tilbyr facilities out there, some of the stuff that we're doing around solar, emergency, EB e vehicles, stations,

and all that good stuff, we can have a really good discussion around that particular part of it. And then when we think about November, we're talking about landscaping and additional site updates. You guys know, as well, that we have been back and forth with Cass County regarding the land disturbance permit already and, and also started that process. So some things have come out of that work with the cab already, regarding some of the landscaping, some of the things that are around the site, on constitution, road, and no key road and all of those different improvements and things. So I'd like for us to also be able to discuss that when we get to November. And then my thought about December is that we sort of focus on education. The first part, the site educational opportunities, goes back to the discussion that we had last week regarding the idea of again, how could we potentially utilize the buildings and the actual site itself for educational resources? So, again, we talked about potentially, are we doing any acknowledgement of the site itself? Are we doing any acknowledgement of the community that it's particularly in maybe its legacy residents, there's a lot of different options and things that we could potentially talk about, that could be highlighted within the facility. So that would be the time of which we discussed those. And then the educational partnerships, we would focus that meeting on the on kind of tailing off the conversations that we've had very in their infancy stage, around how we partner with other schools. And so they'll be excited to share that time, some work in which we've done to modify a little bit of the interior of the leadership building to accommodate that educational part. So I think by then we could, again, have something really cool to talk about and discuss. So when we think about the rest of the year, that's what is planned right now from the design development team, and then us over at APS. And then my thoughts. Obviously, as we move into 2023. At that point, we should really start to be moving into sort of all of the governance stuff that we've talked about before making some, you know, decisions around how some of the different spaces are actually used, because we'll start to, you know, get some construction under the way, you know, at the top of 2023. So, that's the top there, I will stop there and pause for comments, questions, and discussion. Again, this is I think, a really good time for everybody to add any input that you all may have. So if you have something else that you'd like to see something that you feel like we need to accomplish as a group and I'd love to also hear that.

Allison clark 19:00

Thank you for that Marshall, I will go ahead and open up the floor and please do give some input on items that you would like to see added to those meetings or even items that fall within what martial just presented to us don't all speak at once?

Allison clark 19:30

Okay, well doesn't seem that anyone has any input to give today, which is a okay. What I will ask is in the coming days give some consideration to items that you wish to see on upcoming agendas. To finish out 2022 I'll send out a survey via survey monkey which will maybe outline a couple of ideas and leave some blank space where you all can fill in your own ideas, but we certainly would like to have your input to make sure that we're covering all the topics that are most important to you. Each and every one of you. One thing that I will say relative to our future meeting priorities, I want us to kind of revisit some some of our strategic planning and really get some input from every member on items that are important to you and make sure that the items that have a hold priority to you remain the same, or if they have changed, we have an opportunity to get that update. So keep an eye out, some surveys will come out to you to get that feedback. And then I will also ask that each stakeholder from one of the or from each of the communities that is represented on this committee, I've got a task for you, which is to

find five community members to participate in surveys and or focus groups that will be upcoming, this doesn't mean that that is the extent to which we are seeking participation, we will go far beyond that. But we would like for each of you to bring five stakeholders forward to be participants in those activities. With that, are there any questions?

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I have a question for Marshall. I'm a little bit concerned that we're looking to make this so much of a community assessable. Academy, that we're not looking at safety and security of the officers and the fire, firefighters. I like the idea of community engagement. But somewhere deep down inside, I'm just with all the that has gone on with the protesters and whatever. I think that for a while, after everything opens up, there's going to have to be some built in safety and security measures to protect the officers. And while like I said, I love the idea of the building being community assessable in certain areas, whatever. In one of your presentations between now and December, can you dress, just how we plan to keep them safe.

Freeman 22:18

I love that. And really good thought and I appreciate that very much. And thank you for obviously thinking about the public safety professionals that are going to be working within this space. And I can tell you, we can absolutely incorporate that I think we can definitely put that probably into the November time, I'll go ahead and upgrade that in. But it has been a discussion that we have, you know, continued to have. And I will tell you that, again, We've convened the best and the brightest architects and designers that we could ever have. Because, you know, we have talked about, you know, ways in which making keep facility safe ways in which we can, you know, add different security elements and things to them without necessarily taking away the, you know, the Public Access portion of it in which we again are really trying to see happen. So at every turn, we're still fighting tooth and nail to try to you know, keep this thing as open as we possibly can while prioritizing their safety and security. So I do think it's a great conversation to have. So yes, I'd love to add that to November. That's great. And and I appreciate your thoughts very much.

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Thank you both very much

Allison clark 23:28

for that. Are there any additional comments or?

Allison clark 23:36

Suggestions for the agenda? General gripes. All right, ladies and gents, we can close out future meeting priorities and move forward with our q4 meeting dates. On the table as of today, we have for October, four weeks out October 25. We have November 15. And then we were jumping back and forth trying to figure out if we could manage December 8 or December 14. I can take a hearing from each of you now on on where you stand on each of those dates or if you would prefer I can send out a doodle following this meeting and you can indicate what works better for you. But those are the dates as they stand is. Is anybody interested in discussing on December dates now or would you prefer to do so via doodle? Seen Nicole's hand raised the floor is yours.

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I was just gonna say I would prefer the 14th I have a conflict that other the eighth of December. Good to know.

Allison clark 24:45

Does anyone else have any challenge if we move forward with the 14

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to 14 days.

Allison clark 24:56

We have to plan out especially with the holidays coming up. It can get a little hairy as we get a little closer in.

Freeman 25:02

I think we're gonna have a million holiday parties by the time we get to December, but it's alright.

Allison clark 25:10

Fair enough. Well, let's, let's go ahead and set December 14 as our meeting date for December, if anything changes for any committee members, let me know and we will, we'll do our best to work around it. Also, I can tell you that initially, we were looking at doing the October meeting a little bit earlier, but frankly, it just didn't allow enough time for the development team to be able to do the work that they will need to do and frankly the turnaround on us to do the work that we need to be able to do behind the scenes. So again, October 25, November 15, and as of now December the 14th. And with that, ladies and gents, I think we have come to the end of our meeting. I do see Amy, did you have your hand raised? You're muted. Is that an accidental raise or intentional?

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I was just gonna ask you to repeat the dates.

Allison clark 26:03

No worries and I will email them out after the meeting. Okay, but October October 25. No, November 15. And then December 14.

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Gotcha. Thank you.

Allison clark 26:18

No problem.

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Madam Chair. We're gonna approve the minutes from last meeting

Allison clark 26:23

we did at the beginning of this meeting with the well I considered them approved with the with the with the motion to change

Allison clark 26:41

is there anything else ladies and gents?

Allison clark 26:46

All right, well then with a quick recap, I will send out the decap resolution piece as it comes forward to me we have our security updates and working through how we can push those out to the stakeholders obviously there are some challenges when it comes to ensuring that that does not go beyond our stakeholder group initially and then our meeting priorities I will send out some surveys to get some feedback from you all in lieu of the feedback coming out today. Our q4 meeting dates are set and so with that it is 6:31pm A very quick and easy meeting we are all all done if I can get a motion so moved

Allison clark 27:25

Thank you Anne second surely who was that surely Thank you very much surely Well thank you all for this evening and I will see you in short order.