

Meeting Summary for Harbordale Civic Association Meeting

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Quick recap

The Harbordale Civic Association meeting began with technical setup and introductions, followed by discussions on community safety issues and updates on local projects. The main focus was the Port Bypass Road project, including construction progress, traffic management, and potential impacts on the neighborhood. The meeting also addressed concerns about homelessness, playground improvements, and the formation of committees to tackle various community issues.

Next steps

Diana to form a committee for the school playground project.

Marilyn to initiate discussion with the Commissioner about reallocating funds from the Fort Lauderdale Welcoming Park to the school playground project.

Jerry, Mark, and Tony to be part of the committee for addressing vagrancy, homelessness, and code enforcement issues.

Tony to obtain a list of properties with active trespassing affidavits in the neighborhood.

Harbordale Civic Association to send reminder letters to businesses about renewing their trespassing affidavits.

Marilynn and Tony to organize a separate meeting to teach residents how to use the Fix It Fort Lauderdale and CLICFIX app.

Tom McLaughlin to look into getting a trespassing affidavit for his property.

Marilyn to send out an email inviting residents to join the committee on reporting neighborhood issues.

Summary

Harbordale Civic Association Meeting Update The Harbordale Civic Association meeting discussed various community issues. Officer Jackson reported on recent crimes, including apartment thefts and auto burglaries, and suggested that residents could report minor fender benders online. Heather raised concerns about bike thefts and speeding issues, and suggested discussing these with management. A resident reported receiving a Wells Fargo debit card in their name, which Officer Jackson advised to report as fraud. Heather also mentioned a trespasser in her backyard and suggested discussing this with Tony, who has experience dealing with vagrants. The meeting also discussed the issue of homeless people living in cars and the potential of a "safe parking" program.

The main topic of the meeting was the Port Bypass Road project, with Thomas Musica providing an update on its progress and funding sources. Port Bypass Project and Traffic Concerns Thomas discussed the progress of the port bypass project, highlighting the construction of the bridge and the commitment to have the convention center ready for visitors by November 25th. The Bypass Road is 70% complete (inside the port) and will be ready in time for the Convention Center/Hotel opening. He also mentioned the widening of the left turn for on eastbound State Route 84 to create additional storage and modify the traffic signal for single phase timing. Port Director, Joseph Morris discussed the traffic detour, Alex raised concerns about the proposed traffic detour and the potential impact on traffic flow. Thomas explained that the U-turn closure was part of the bypass road project and would be closed during the construction period. He also mentioned that the signage plan was extensive and would be in effect once the U-turn was closed. The team discussed the potential for increased traffic incidents during the construction period and the need for staff to manage these

incidents. They also discussed the bypass road's entrance and exit points and the closure of the left hand turn into the storage unit. The conversation ended with a discussion on the signage for the detour and the potential for people to exit the bypass road at different points.

Harbordale Park Playground and Joint Use Playground at the School.

Marilyn led the meeting, discussing the cancellation of the February meeting to encourage attendance at the city's annual neighborhood support night. **Motion made by Cindy and second by Amy to cancel the February Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.** Parks will be the main topic of the March Meeting. The group then shifted focus to the Harbordale Park playground, which is set to be replaced with new equipment. A committee was formed to discuss the Joint Use Playground at the school including a meeting with the school advisory committee on February 25th. The committee also discussed reallocating funds from the park bond to improve the playground. The group also discussed the bypass road project and the need for a right turn over on Miami Road. Lastly, they discussed the upcoming gentleman's club in Hollywood, which is expected to cause traffic and action in the area.

Addressing Homelessness and Code Enforcement The meeting discusses efforts to address homelessness and code enforcement issues in the Harbordale neighborhood of Fort Lauderdale. Tony, a resident, shares his work reporting problematic locations like abandoned buildings and areas with homeless encampments to the city using the "Fix It Fort Lauderdale" app. Marilyn suggests forming a committee of residents to systematically report these issues and follow up with businesses to get no-trespassing affidavits posted. There is also discussion about challenges with arresting homeless individuals who often get released quickly, highlighting the need for more sustainable solutions from the city.

Meeting adjourned.