

Minutes
Safety Committee Meeting
October 25, 2017
Blair Agency

The NVC Safety Committee met on Oct. 25, 2017 at the Blair Agency. Present were Wendy Huntoon, Beanie Einstein, Gina Cressey, and new member, Michael Tirrell.

We discussed the two job positions which we're responsible for filling, the lifeguard and the police officer. We've had some difficulty hiring for these, particularly the police officer for the 2017 season. The law of supply and demand is not working in our favor. We discussed how to make this position more attractive. Wendy will present our salary recommendations at the next Overseers' meeting that she's able to attend.

Although we could only get six-day lifeguard coverage last year, we'll continue trying for seven. We were woefully short on police coverage last year, and many residents could see that part-time isn't enough for this important job.

A schedule was agreed upon for advertising for lifeguard and police officer. When we are inviting employees to return from the previous summer, they of course have first crack at the job. Job sharing is a good way to get more coverage than one person can provide.

We agreed that the police officer should be paid for his time if he needs to go to court in conjunction with a stop he has made that involved pressing charges. If the arresting officer is not there, the case is dropped, as happened recently.

A mechanism needs to be in place for filing charges against a police officer, should someone ever wish to do that.

A serious matter was brought up involving a dog which ran out of its yard to attack another dog which was being walked on a leash by its owner. The attacking dog injured the dog being walked and the owner who was on the ground protecting his dog was hurt in his fall. Another dog ran out from the same yard when the man was down and was stopped by its owner from joining in the attack.

The neighbors say that this aggressive dog is a big problem and people fear to walk their dogs down that street.

A resident came to our meeting to tell us of her scary experience with the same dog. Some people have said they have called 911 and got no response. For now the Safety Committee recommends calling the Animal Control Officer in such situations. She is Heidi Blood and her phone number is 207-322-3237. That creates a record of the problem.

Speaking for myself, if I ever witnessed an attack, I would call 911 as well as the Animal Control Officer.

"See something, say something" applies here. As a community, we should all speak up when we see a dangerous situation, to a dog owner and to authorities, including the Bayside officer, if on duty.

**Respectfully submitted,
Gina Cressey**