



Crownridge Safety and Security Committee Report

Annual Member Meeting

March 6, 2008

CR Safety and Security Committee

- Board of Directors agreed to support establishing Committee in March 2007.
- Charter.
 - Look at feasibility and cost of alternatives to improve security/safety of residents.
 - Make recommendations to Board for consideration.

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- SAPD SAFFE Officers briefed Committee in August 2007 on criminal activity/problems affecting Crownridge.
 - Vehicular burglary: Occurs 2-5 AM; teens; pawn stolen items; dark driveways/streets.
 - Home burglary: Not construction related; person been in home before; garage door left open.
 - Vandalism: Usually teens; live in area (or have friends who do).
 - Crownridge activity less than most areas.

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- SAPD suggestions to curb activity (supported by Committee).
 - Know neighbors; be watchful.
 - Keep valuable items out of view in vehicles.
 - Homeowners need to turn-on/increase exterior lighting. The more the better.
 - Set alarms, day and night.
 - Explore more street lighting with CPS/City.
 - Cellular on Patrol (COP) Program effective.
 - Security Patrols very effective (Off-duty police).
 - Video surveillance could be effective.
 - SAPD Home Security Surveys available for all residents.

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- Issues addressed by Committee and Actions taken/recommended.
 - Improved communication to homeowners is needed.
 - Committee agreed, action completed.
 - Coordinated “Blast” e-mails sent out since December 2007.
 - Enhanced awareness has shown positive results.
 - Crownridge becoming a gated community.
 - No action recommended by Committee.
 - Significant research also done by previous Committee ('90s).
 - Every homeowner must agree (highly unlikely).
 - Community then responsible for cost of street repair, lighting, gate repair, etc., with the result being a significant increase in dues.
 - Police advised no evidence gated communities are safer.
 - Committee recommends posting above info on Crownridge Website.

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- Issues addressed by Committee and Actions taken/recommended. (Con't)
 - Additional street lighting needed.
 - Committee recommends pursuing additional street lighting with City.
 - This will require a volunteer to work the issue with the City.
 - A lighting survey by the City should be requested.
 - Individual residents can petition City for lighting in their area, but if lighting already meets city illumination standards, resident(s) would have to pay fee of \$30/light/month for 3 years to install additional street lighting.
 - Committee also recommends more homeowners turn exterior residence lights on/install security lights.

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- Issues addressed by Committee and Actions taken/recommended. (Con't)
 - Speed bumps need to be installed on certain streets.
 - No action recommended by Committee.
 - Historical experience – City disapproved many previous installation requests.
 - » Depends on vehicle volume, slope of road, speed limit, etc.
 - Many residents not in favor of speed bumps.
 - Interested homeowner(s) can certainly pursue on own.
 - Committee recommends posting above info on Crownridge Website.
 - “Close” subdivision on Halloween (like July 4).
 - Concerns based on influx of “strangers” and multiple incidents.
 - Committee supports this action.
 - Post Security.
 - Password system.
 - Additional screening as deemed necessary.
 - Security presence would be strong deterrent.
 - Believe there is strong community support to do this.

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- Issues addressed by Committee and Actions taken/recommended. (Con't)
 - Solicitors (Information).
 - Committee supports continued “No Soliciting” policy.
 - Profile of solicitor.
 - Energetic, pushy, 17-28 years old.
 - Say they are raising money for school project.
 - Usually selling magazine subscriptions.
 - Often falsely say live in neighborhood & give street & parents name.
 - If solicitors obey law, they are within their right to solicit.
 - Must carry City-issued permit.
 - Cannot solicit at home if “No Solicitation” notice is posted.
 - Advice to homeowners.
 - Do not open door. Speak to through door.
 - Look at carefully and gather description.
 - Notify SAPD at 207-7273 immediately.
 - Committee recommends posting above info on Crownridge Website.

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- Issues addressed by Committee and Actions taken/recommended. (Con't)
 - Install video surveillance system along Camp Bullis to observe subdivision entries.
 - Purpose.
 - Crime deterrent.
 - Facilitate identification of suspicious vehicles entering/leaving Crownridge before or after a crime is committed.
 - Concept.
 - Install video cameras on poles along Camp Bullis at each entrance to residential areas.
 - Capture video of all vehicles entering/departing Crownridge, including recording of license plate #s.

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- Install video surveillance system along Camp Bullis to observe subdivision entries. (Con't)
 - Coordination with City.
 - No City permit required if installed on private property.
 - Cameras or equipment can not be on City poles.
 - Poles/cameras on City owned medians are problematic.
 - » Safety, legal, and code issues
 - Coordination with private property owners.
 - Possible locations:
 - » Oak Hills Church (Summer Oaks and Camp Bullis).
 - » Lutheran HS (Luskey and Camp Bullis).
 - » Gracy Travel (La Sierra and Camp Bullis).
 - » KoC (Legend Lane and Camp Bullis).
 - Preferred site locations for installation.
 - » Gracy Travel.
 - » Knights of Columbus.

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- Install video surveillance system along Camp Bullis to observe subdivision entries. (Con't)
 - Estimated cost (\$35,000 initial;\$1,000 recurring).
 - “Ballpark estimate from one vendor for equipment and labor for two sites: \$31,000.
 - Additional \$4,000 for poles, taxes, electrical costs at both sites.
 - Estimated \$1,000 annual maintenance/utility costs.
 - System for each site includes:
 - 2 license plate cameras;
 - 2 color video cameras;
 - 1 Digital Video Recorder;
 - 1 equipment cabinet.

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- Install video surveillance system along Camp Bullis to observe subdivision entries. (Con't)
 - Committee recommendation.
 - Present Video Surveillance System concept to Board prior to doing any further assessment.
 - Get Board approval/disapproval to proceed with further exploring concept. If approved:
 - » Identify minimum two potential contractors.
 - » Obtain firm and complete cost and technical proposal.
 - » Obtain formal approval from site property owners.
 - » Present results to Board for approval/disapproval for funding and implementation.

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- Issues addressed by Committee and Actions taken/recommended. (Con't)
 - Private Security patrols would enhance Crownridge safety and security.
 - Background information obtained by Committee.
 - Previous patrols in Crownridge in '90s discontinued due to cost and non-performance.
 - Security patrols effective in other communities.
 - Private Security Companies or Off-duty Police Officers can provide service to Crownridge.
 - » Cost ranges from \$15 to \$25 per hour.
 - » Requirement would be for specified days and specified times (not 24 hours/day, 7 days/wk).
 - Off-duty law enforcement officers preferable.
 - » Can Communicate directly with police.
 - » Can arrest, detain.
 - » Access to police data.
 - » Official looking vehicle.

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- Private Security patrols would enhance Crownridge safety and security. (Con't)
 - Estimated costs.
 - Variables to cost.
 - » Estimate depends on hours of coverage.
 - » Per SAPD, most criminal activity is between 2-5 AM.
 - » Once presence established, hours and days of coverage can often be reduced.
 - » Special event coverage (July 4th, Halloween).
 - Sample patrol coverage options with annual costs (\$25/hour).
 - » #1: Six hours/evening/seven days per week:\$54,750.
 - » #2: Four hours/evening/seven days per week:\$36,500.
 - » #3: Four hours/evening/five days per week:\$26,000.
 - » #4: Option #1 for three months, then reduced coverage based on security assessment of patrol impact:: \$29,250.
 - Sample annual cost impact to each homeowner (based on 550 Crownridge homeowners).
 - » Option #1: \$8.30/month (\$100/year).
 - » Option #4: \$4.45/month (\$53/year).
 - Committee Recommendation is to institute private security patrols using off-duty police officers on trial basis for 3 months
 - then Option #1 or Option #4, dependent on budget.

CR Safety and Security Committee Wrap-Up

- Board of Directors established Committee and Charter.
- Committee established and received SAPD briefing on criminal activity.
- Issues addressed by Committee:
 - Communication;
 - Gating;
 - Speed bumps;
 - Street lighting;
 - Solicitors;
 - Halloween Concerns;
 - Video Surveillance System;
 - Security Patrols.
- Committee supports:
 - Increased communication (completed);
 - Solicitor Policy reinforced;
 - Closing of subdivision on Halloween;
 - Further assessing Video Surveillance System.
 - Reinstating Security patrols.
- Committee needs:
 - Board decision on further pursuing video surveillance system.
 - Board decision on funding & implementing security patrols.