

July 11, 2008

Last night's meeting was well attended. We began the evening with a presentation of a Police Commendation to Sgt Hull for his investigative work on a residential burglary. General Manager/Chief of Police (GM/COP) Harman swore in our newest Reserve Officer, Jill Chandler.

There was almost 30 minutes of discussion regarding the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) Parcel Tax. Many citizens spoke in favor of the measure. It was clear there is individual support from directors. However, the Board did not endorse, due to questions on the legality of a Special District endorsement. There was a motion to spend public funds to investigate the legality of endorsing; the vote was 2-2 and did not pass.

The GM/COP explained that an independent investigator is working on two "hostile work environment" allegations.

Approaching the end of the year, our budget shows we are doing much better than the forecasted \$216,931 deficit—but we will still have a shortfall.

The District is currently working with a negotiator to present a fair compensation package for Kensington Police Officers Association approval.

Our GM/COP continues the process to bring the annex building up to code for a day care center. He is currently working with architects.

The Board passed Resolution 08-07 establishing the Appropriations Limit Applicable to the District with a 4-0 vote.

The Board discussed the proposed police tax increase and established that we are not in a position to put it on the November ballot. The finance committee will be looking into a possible future police tax increase. There will be significant community outreach before it is placed on a ballot.

In discussing a proposal of a quarterly newsletter to be published by the District several directors expressed concern that we do not have the money or staff to take on such a project.

We plan to have discussion on the new Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) for Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) standard or GASB 45 at our August 14th meeting. This will include future District costs of health care and non-pension benefits.

If you see our newest Reserve Officer please say hello and welcome Officer Jill Chandler! Thank you for your interest and participation in our community. We look forward to seeing you on August 14th. Your comments are important to us.

