

Milton Disability Awareness Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2013

Committee Members In Attendance: Van Black, Tass Welch, Renee Catanzaro, Paul Schiell and Dudley Arnold

MDAC Liaison: Sudie Gordon

Guests in Attendance: Jason Wright (City of Milton), Courtney Spriggs (Milton Police), Mark Stephens (Milton Deputy Fire Chief) and Wayne Boston (Better Together)

Tass Welch called the meeting to order and Renee Catanzaro seconded the motion.

Committee members reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from November 20, 2013.

Old Business:

- Jason Wright took the floor first to discuss the Facebook format and purpose for the City of Milton.
- Jason stressed the importance of having a long-term plan for a Facebook page.
- City of Milton uses Facebook for many different purposes.
- Building daily interactions and keeping the Facebook page current is essential.
- Jason says the Milton Facebook page has seen a 600% increase in traffic over the last three years.
- Jason believes MDAC should use the Milton's Facebook page.
- Relationships and citizen interactions are important for city Facebook pages.
- MDAC, City of Milton, and Better Together could team up and work together on some social media topics.
- Officer Spriggs then took the floor to discuss Milton Police Department community outreach matters.
- Locking doors is the number one most important ways people can protect themselves from theft.
- Removing valuable items from cars is also very important.
- Officer Spriggs discussed the importance of getting to know neighbors and the daily routines of those in your neighborhood.
- The more people are involved the more they are familiar with suspicious activities in neighborhoods and communities.
- The City of Milton receives approximately 10-12 911 calls per day.
- Do not post on social media webpages when you'll be out of town.
- Be sure and have newspapers and mail collected when you're gone.
- Keeping your home well lit is also pretty important.
- MDAC committee members introduced themselves to Officer Spriggs and Mark Stephens.
- Deputy Fire Chief Stephens then took the floor and first touched on the sticker that Paul Schiell received from the Shepherd Center.
- Deputy Stephens is planning to introduce that sticker to his department and educate his officers accordingly.
- The Fire Department uses social media for severe weather alerts and other important issues.
- The Milton Fire Department just recently started a Facebook page.

- CAD notes are very helpful to both police and firefighters responding to an emergency. Keeping the notes updated is extremely valuable to Police and Fire Dept.
- Milton and Alpharetta share the 911 dispatch center.
- The CAD notes tell specifics about number of residents in a house or how many people need special attention in a house.
- The Code Red system will call or text citizens of severe emergencies (lockdowns, road closures, severe weather, etc..)
- A Code Red phone call will only be made if the situation is very severe.
- Deputy Stephens encourages all residents of Milton to register for the Code Red system.
- Code Red messages can zero in and be sent only to people of specific neighborhoods in Milton.

New Business:

- Tass briefly discussed a plan for MDAC for 2014. Where do we want to go with MDAC in 2014 and what do we need to do in order to get there.
- We discussed with Wayne Boston (Better Together) how MDAC and Better Together can team up in 2014 and work together on some things.
- Tass gave MDAC members a questionnaire on where we would like to take MDAC in 2014.
- We briefly discussed whether or not MDAC needs a facilitator of some kind.
- The objective for the January 2014 meeting is to regain our focus and really come up with defined goals for MDAC.
- Paul Schiell attended his first MDAC meeting as a member.
- We learned that Melinda Ross is going to be too busy to join MDAC in 2014.

Tass Welch moved to adjourn the meeting. Van Black seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2014.

Minutes Submitted By: Dudley Arnold

Tasta "Tass" Welch