**February 10th HTNA Meeting:  
Open with A Prayer:  
  
AGENDA:  
-I-Witness Central City historical documentation project  
-Community Safety Updates with 6th District Quality of Life Officers  
-Hoffman Extravaganza Event planning  
  
Rev. Thompson is leading the proceedings tonight, President Brigida Reid is with an ill relative  
  
Nick Slie: I-Witness Central City  
 -Central City wide project  
-Looking for all kinds of stories that celebrate the cultural fabric of the neighborhood  
        -Historic  
        -Anecdotal and first hand   
        -Community Successes  
                -Has done stories celebrating community gardens etc  
-I-Witness Central City puts up signs at the locations of stories, where you can call with your cell phone and here what happened where you are standing  
        -Also a video component that goes on the internet  
        -I-Witness would normally work with local residents and community groups such as HTNA to increase the scope of their work  
  
Community Safety:  QOL officer John Favaloro and Sgt Yalonda Jenkins of 6th District NOPD:  
  
-Rash of robberies in the hoffman area, most focused on latino workers  
    -Seen as fair game and with possibility of large amounts of cash on them  
  
-Drug activity on 1st and prieur  
    -3nG gang the major drug dealers  
     
  
Question: Why aren't drug crimes showing up on the nopd crime maps?  
    -Not a uniformed officer crime under federal rules  
  
  
Question: Are there any large scale cases in progress, ones going after large amounts of drugs and guns that would generate publicity about the problem?  
    -Yes, 6th district has 6 undercover officers working narcotics  
    -2 taskforces in the 6th district are working on it, understand the hotspot of 1st and prieur  
  
    658 6060: 6th district station  
    -Officer Lohman in narcotics task force at 6th district, contact him with specific information  
  
  
Question: What can the community do to help fight crime and drugs in the area?  
            -let the 6th district know about stash houses, the task force will go through with dogs. Often drug hideouts also have the guns  
            -Keep at it with the reporting, especially if repeat incidents  
  
Question: What about walking the beat in Hoffman?  
        -No walking beats in hoffman presently, 6th district does have walking beats in other areas though  
            -walking beats may change with the reopening of BW cooper  
            -Just cars assigned to the area now  
  
Question: Are criminals watching the cars?  
    Yes, but the blue ,lights usually keep them moving and reduce crime  
  
Question: The elevated NOPD watchtower, can it be used for anti drug patrols or for higher visibility of police? Especially in high drug areas?  
        -One in CC belongs to home depot, all others are used for special events  
  
Response: Tonti, dorgenois, 2nd are all hotspots for crime  
    NOPD: Will send patrols and suggest blue light constant patrols for whole hoffman area  
               -NOPD is of limited resources (understaffed and underfunded) to attack all crime hotspots at once  
                  
  
Response: Only one gang in Hoffman so there might be an opportunity   
        -No longer drugs in the park, they have been pushed back to 1st, 2nd sts  
        -3nG is fighting with carrollton/hollygrove gangs   
            -once narcotics starts making arrests situation will quiet down  
  
Question: Is there a gang task force in NO?  
            NOPD:No because of the lack of national gang affiliations  
                    -Most local gangs are young wannabe thugs  
                    -Starting to see kids wear gang colors  
  
NOPD: working on a list of potential gang members with photos and names, situation is being watched  
        -Gangs have never taken root here but that may change  
  
Other community issues  
  
    -Problem with car painting on Washington/Galvez  
            -Paint is spraying on houses and cars  
            -Doesn't want to report anybody but situation needs to change  
  
  
Rev Thompson: Will look at it as a group/community  
            -Let them know and give them a warning  
  
              
  
Hoffman Extravaganza:  
            -Last years was too hot in June  
            -will talk to NORD about open spot in April, not during jazz fest  
            -$300 for the park to NORD for reservation fee  
  
Membership drive:   
        -We need lawn size HTNA signs  
        -Membership drive, walking around the neighborhood in shirts as a large group to attract new members  
  
      
Other Community issues:  
        -Someone is stealing city garbage cans, pay attention  
        -Odd looking man in camo wandering around 4-5pm, keep a lookout  
        -Drainage issue on 2nd and dorgenois  
  
  
Next meeting March 10 2009  
closed with a prayer**