Safety committee, February 16, 2021

1. Introductions
2. Brandon: vehicle theft from Westhaven a week or so ago. Some minor issues between neighbors there.
3. Question about security firm. Resident: new security firm does not seem to be doing much. Just watch and report. But they don’t step in. “Not satisfied with them at all”. “What they’re doing, the tenants can do.” “The other company was much better.”
4. Need more safety committee meeting advertisements
5. Security people don’t always check IDs or make people coming in sign the book. Sometimes don’t even ask for the ID.
6. Kathleen: did they ever have a neighborhood watch at Crescent Halls? Resident: No, not that the residents know of. Resident: sometimes visitors sign to go to empty apartments.
7. At crescent halls at night security gather in the parking lots. There from 30 minutes to an hour.
8. Review camera policy. Brandon: good example of residents working to develop a policy before it goes to the board. Need a little more time for resident input and an up or down vote on whether or not residents want cameras. Is this about changing a policy or do residents just not want cameras.
9. Residents: I thought the cameras are going up no matter what? Brandon: going in the capital plan, but give residents a chance to have a say in whether or not there will be cameras. PHAR’s position is to have cameras if residents want them but to make it consistent.
10. Resident: likes the policy. Wants potentially more cameras in the parking lot or looking at the parking lot. Give residents at Crescent Halls an opportunity to review their camera placement.
11. Loitering policy: Resident: would feel uncomfortable if groups were gathering that they didn’t know.
12. Resident: Problem when people who don’t live in the neighborhood gather. Sees it as a problem. Will be a problem when the weather breaks.
13. Resident: wants residents to be with their visitors. Need to have a limit to the number of visitors people can have. Especially in the summer when it’s hot outside. People gather and have drama with each other. Come to a neighborhood where they don’t live and ends badly.
14. Resident: Loitering policy should apply to certain hours and if there’s a party it needs to be close to the residence that’s hosting it. Keep grown ups and kids separate.
15. Resident: concern seems to be later at night.
16. Drinking is allowed in units and on front porches, but some concern about drinking outside.
17. Need clarity on what residents can and can’t do at the various sites
18. Brandon: what are the boundaries for loitering? Things brought up tonight might not be addressed by a loitering policy.
19. Brandon: No one seems interested in enforcing barment. Need to figure this out. Security firm doesn’t want to do it and police are unwilling to do it as well.
20. Potential to do a community safety workshop. Preference is with local people because they know our issues
21. Ms. Glenn-Matthews: Is there interest in a neighborhood watch?
22. Resident: Need more resident feedback.