

Dixieland Neighborhood (DNA) Meeting – July 19, 2011

Meeting Minutes

The meeting Opened at 6:40PM at New Beginnings Baptist Church on W. Belmar St. Our new Chief of Police was scheduled to be the guest speaker but did not make it to the meeting for unknown reasons.

I. Introduction of Attendees and Board Members

II. Announcements

- National Night Out Event (Aug) for our neighborhood was cancelled due to lack of attendance at the planning meeting.
- Commissioner Justin Troller briefly introduced himself and announced the results of the Alleyway survey. He asked for comments, but time was not available to discuss the issue to the full extent. Plans to discuss it at the next DNA meeting were stated
- Commissioner Phillip Walker announced that the City Commission was going to be holding 2 public budget meetings, but did not give the dates, times or locations.

III. Meeting

- Dixieland Liaison Officer Rodriguez gave a brief crime report. No new major issues were reported.
- Introduction of new Crime Prevention Officer Kim Freeman was made, and she spoke briefly.
- Detective Daniel Jones with the Crime Analysis and Intelligence Center spoke about gangs in the Lakeland area and the signs to look for to identify gang activity. He also gave tips on keeping kids out of gangs.
- Discussion was opened up to ask Det. Daniel questions.
- 30+ people were in attendance this month.

The Meeting Closed at 7:45PM.

Additional Info: On the City of Lakeland's website, the Public Budget Commissioner Meetings are on September 7 and 19, 2011.