

**MINUTES
CITY OF HURST
NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012**

On the 23rd day of January 2012, at 6:00 p.m. the Neighborhood, Community & Advisory Committee Board of the City of Hurst, Texas convened in a regular meeting at Hurst City Hall at 1505 Precinct Line Rd. Hurst, Texas with the following members and staff present.

Bill Bryan	) Chairman
Ronnie Martin	) Vice Chair
Nada Harris	) Member
Joyce Goff	) Member
Mandy Eliot	) Member
Dawn Wells	) Member
Carolyn Mora	) Member
Jeffrey Barnes	) Member
Joe Johnson	) Member
Mike Morgan	) Director Planning and Community Development
Richard Clark	) Multi Family Housing Inspector
Melissa Younger	) Assistant/ Neighborhood Services
Steve Moore	) Police Chief
Steve Niekamp	) Assistant Police Chief
Ryan Rider	) Community Resource Officer
Jimmy Sanchez	) Officer
Allen Speed	) Ft. Worth Multi Family Crime Free Officer
John Boyle	) City Attorney
Anna Holzer	) Liaison to NCAC

The following members were absent: Joe Johnson constituting a quorum; at which time the following business was transacted:

1. Bill Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted that a majority of the members of the Neighborhood & Community Advisory Committee were in attendance.
2. Mr. Morgan briefly discussed the agenda and how the meeting should be conducted and in what order. Mr. Morgan also introduced Richard Clark who would go over the licensing & regulations part of the Ordinance.

Steve Moore would introduce the crime free part of the ordinance and turn it over to Officer Ryan Rider to discuss in detail with a power point presentation.

Multi Family Crime Free officer Allen Speed from the Fort Worth Police Department will briefly address the committee to explain their success with the program.

Committee Chair Bill Bryan will open the discussion to the floor and let anyone speak for or against the ordinance. Discussion will follow. Once there is no further discussion the public hearing will be closed and two votes will be taken. One vote for licensing and one vote for crime free.

3. The Work Session was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2012

**Bill Bryan, Chairman
Neighborhood Community & Advisory Committee Board**

ATTEST:

Recording Secretary

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All members were present, constituting a quorum; at which time the following business was transacted:

1. Bill Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and noted that a majority of the members of the Neighborhood & Community Advisory Committee were in attendance.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Bryan
3. Consider approval of the Minutes: Ronnie Martin motioned to accept the Minutes of the November 28, 2011 meeting. Jeffrey Barnes seconded the motion. The

motion prevailed by a vote of 8-0. Board member Joe Johnson arrived after the minutes were voted on but did participate in the rest of the meeting.

4. Mike Morgan introduced the licensing and registration portion of the proposed ordinance changes and introduced Richard Clark, Apartment Inspector.

Mr. Clark discussed amendments to Chapter 5, Hurst Code of Ordinance Building Regulations. He explained licensing requirements and outlined stricter language requiring owners to be registered, explained deadlines for same and noted that penalties in the form of fines could be levied for failure to register on time.

Steve Moore addressed the committee to introduce the crime free part of the proposed Ordinance and explain the need for the changes. He covered crime statistics collected by PD and then introduced Officer Ryan Rider to address the commission on the specifics.

Officer Ryder addressed the NCAC and presented a power point presentation regarding the proposed draft Ordinance that would create and require participation in a Crime Free Multi Family Housing Program, and he explained the requirements, the enforcement responsibilities and appeals processes.

Multi Family Crime Free Officer Allen Speed of the Fort Worth Police Department related their city's experience with a similar program and he supported the passage of the Ordinance. He also talked about the crime reduction on the east side of Ft. Worth in the apartment areas due to this ordinance. Fort Worth's ordinance has been in effect for ten years, and their work with apartments has resulted in about a 10% drop in crime overall and 80% fewer calls for service at apartments.

Officer Ryder also read into the record an email of support from Mr. Perry Pillow, Director of Government Affairs, Apartment Association of Tarrant County (AATC) whose email message said, "the AATC enthusiastically supports this Ordinance's method of dealing with high-crime multifamily properties; This Ordinance focuses on the "bad-operators" and is not a "shot-gun" approach; and AATC has worked in partnership with Hurst PD & Code on this Ordinance."

Mr. Bryan opened the public meeting to the floor and asked if anyone would like to speak for or against the ordinance.

Adam Tunks of the Gables of Notting Hill at 601 Brown Trail, Hurst Tx 76053 was in support of both ordinances but asked for clarification on his facility's crime statistics as a complex compared to other complexes. Also, he would like more information on what type of impact would it be on the property if a non-resident commits a crime on their property.

Property Manager Bill Crawford of Regency Place Apartments was in favor of the ordinances. He spoke highly of the Hurst officers and their effective communication skills with the complexes. Mr. Crawford wanted to know how

Part I crimes were defined. Mr. Crawford was also in favor of the Criminal Trespass part of this ordinance and felt that this tool would give the apartment complexes more leverage.

After no further discussion, Joe Johnson made a motion to close the public hearing. Ronnie Martin seconded the motion. The motion prevailed of a vote of 9-0.

Discussion followed as some of the earlier questions were clarified. Chief Moore responded by saying that the crime stats will be available monthly at the city-sponsored apartment managers meetings. The Chief also said that calls for service would not count against apartments that PD would be working with managers trying to clean up their properties. Chief Moore explained that the Part 1 crime definitions had been developed by the FBI many decades ago.

After no further discussion, Jeffery Barnes made a motion to **recommend approval** of the registration Ordinance, Chapter 5-285 through 5-289 Article VI. Housing Code (Licensing) to require stricter language requiring owners to be registered, and have deadlines for same and note that penalties in the form of fines could be levied for failure to register on time. Joyce Goff seconded the motion. The motion prevailed of a vote of 9-0.

Carolyn Mora made a motion to **recommend approval** of Chapter 5-1 and 5-397 through 5-420 (Crime Free Multi-Family Housing) the Crime Free Multi-Family Housing Program. Nada Harris seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by a vote of 9-0.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2012

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