

**Sherwood Forest Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District  
Commissioners Meeting  
April 3,2014**

The Sherwood Forest Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District ("District") held its commissioners' meeting at St. Thomas More Church, Room 4, 11441 Goodwood Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA on Thursday, April 3, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gary Patureau.

The following commissioners were present:

Mary Broussard  
Regina Conrad  
Richard Empson  
John Macus  
Gary Patureau  
Gary Smith

The following commissioner was absent:

Gary Schaefer

There were 6 members present and a quorum.

Agenda (See Attachment 1—1 page)

- Motion to approve Minutes of March 6, 2014, by Mary Broussard second by Regina Conrad. Without objection the motion carried.

Discussion of SB 90, Neighborhood Watch Act, by Senator Dorsey. Gary Patureau pointed out the unintended consequences of the bill as related to every neighborhood watch program in the state. The mandates of training certification would establish a risk for all programs that would destroy the basic premises of the neighborhood watch program. Suggestion was made that all board members write to Senator Dorsey, stating the unattended consequences of the bill on the neighborhood associations. Each of the board members would suggest the bill be pulled before coming up for a vote. SB 90 (See Attachment 2—4 pages)

Continued development of the Crime District's Strategic Plan. It is noted that no meetings were held with Broadmoor Crime District or the Shenandoah Crime District. Richard established an outline that may help guide the board in forming specific objectives. Gary assigned each board member a proposed goal to research and develop for the next meeting in order that we can move forward.

Assigned task were as follows:

- Gary Patreau Security cameras for all entrances of Sherwood Forest
- Richard Empson Office space rental and associated cost of setting up an office
- John Macus Signage to be displayed at each entrance to Sherwood Forest
- Regina Conrad Cost of maintaining proper accounting for the crime district
- Mary Broussard Cost associated with beautification at all entrances to the district
- Gary Smith Security patrol issues and overall cost to maintain
- Gary Schaefer Communication cost associated with security alerts to all homeowners.

Gary Patreau suggested that all meetings should be no longer than one hour time frame going forward and all members present agreed to be prepared to follow with his suggestion.

- Motion to adjourn by Gary Smith second by Regina Conrad  
Without objection the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

**SHERWOOD FOREST CRIME PREVENTION AND  
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING  
April 3,2014 at 6:30 p.m.  
St. Thomas More, Room 4,11441 Goodwood Boulevard  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70815**

**AGENDA**

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF 3/06/2014 MINUTES
- III. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF SB 90 AND ITS IMPACT ON THE CRIME DISTRICT AND THE SFCA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM.
- IV. COMMITTEE REPORT ON THEIR MEETING WITH THE BROADMOOR AND SCHENANDOAH CRIME DISTRICTS.
- V. CONTINUED STRETEGIC PLAN DISCUSSION
- VI. ADJOURN

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Provides for the creation of the "Neighborhood Watch Act" (gov sig)

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AN ACT

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To enact Chapter 30-B of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be

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comprised of R.S. 33:9100.31 through 9100.33, relative to neighborhood watch

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volunteers; to provide for procedures relative to neighborhood watch volunteers; to

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provide for training; to provide for duties and responsibilities; to provide for

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definitions; to provide for an effective date: and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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Section 1. Chapter 30-B of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,

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comprised of R.S. 33:9100.31 through 9100.33, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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**CHAPTER 30-B. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH VOLUNTEERS**

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**§9100.31. Short title**

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**This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Neighborhood**

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**Watch Act"**.

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**§9100.32. Legislative findings and declaration**

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**A. The legislature hereby finds and declares that in order to provide a**

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**uniform, expeditious, and equitable procedure, with due regard for the safety**

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**of all citizens and the rights of persons in interest, there are many efforts**

1 currently underway to work to coordinate criminal justice partnerships to deal  
2 with criminal activity in neighborhoods throughout the state. A neighborhood  
3 watch program is one such effort. This program was replicated in Louisiana by  
4 the Louisiana Sheriffs Association from the National Sheriffs Association.  
5 This effort was designed to enlist the participation of citizens with law  
6 enforcement to help reduce and prevent crime.

7 B. It is the intent of the legislature, therefore, to promote a coordinated  
8 effort among law enforcement and neighborhood watch programs to stem the  
9 tide of violence and criminal activity against the citizens of this state and  
10 support strategies aimed at increasing both public understanding of the  
11 problems in neighborhoods and increasing capacity for preventing crime in  
12 neighborhoods. Further, it is the intent of the legislature to address the  
13 problems of crime in a systematic and effective manner by promoting and  
14 expanding law enforcement agencies and neighborhood watch programs in  
15 implementing specific strategies for crime prevention, citizen involvement, and  
16 public education and training.

17 §9100.33. Duties and responsibilities

18 A. A neighborhood watch program established in this state shall adhere  
19 to the following duties and responsibilities:

20 (1) Engage in a relationship with a law enforcement liaison specifically  
21 assigned the responsibility of establishing, training, and supporting local  
22 neighborhood watch groups.

23 (2) Participate in an annual training whereby the law enforcement  
24 liaison will properly train neighborhood watch leaders, block captains and  
25 members in areas ranging from setting goals to how to report suspicious  
26 activities.

27 (3) Execute affidavits annually stating that:

28 (a) Members do not possess police powers and shall not pursue vehicles.

29 (b) Members shall alert police or deputies when encountering strange or

1 suspicious activity.

2 Ic) Members shall never confront suspicious persons.

3 (d) Members shall wear identifiable gear and have state-issued  
4 identification visible while patrolling.

5 (e) Members shall accept the advice of any and all emergency personnel  
6 when reporting suspicious activities or crimes in progress.

(4) Register the neighborhood watch program with local, state, and  
8 national law enforcement agencies to become part of the national initiative  
9 against crime.

10 B. For the purpose of this Section, the following words shall have the  
11 following definitions:

12 II) "Neighborhood Watch" means a group of people living in the same  
13 area who want to make their neighborhood safer by working together and in  
14 conjunction with local law enforcement to reduce crime and improve their  
15 quality of life.

16 (2) "Law Enforcement Liaison" means a law enforcement officer  
17 specifically assigned the responsibility of establishing and supporting local  
18 neighborhood watch groups.

19 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
20 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
21 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
22 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
23 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument,  
were prepared by Michael Bell.

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DIGEST Dorsey-Colomb (SB 90)

Proposed law creates the "Neighborhood Watch Act",

Proposed law provides for the following duties and responsibilities for neighborhood watch programs:

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Coding: Words which are ~~struck through~~ are deletions from existing law; words in **boldface type and underscored** are additions.

- (1) Engage in a relationship with a law enforcement liaison specifically assigned the responsibility of establishing, training and supporting local neighborhood watch groups.
- (2) Participate in an annual training whereby the law enforcement liaison will properly train neighborhood watch leaders, block captains and members in areas ranging from setting goals to how to report suspicious activities.
- (3) Execute affidavits annually relative to the following:
  - (a) Active members emphasizing that they do not possess police powers and should not pursue vehicles.
  - (b) Members shall alert police or deputies when encountering strange activity.
  - (c) Members shall never confront suspicious persons.
  - (d) Members shall wear identifiable gear and have state-issued identification visible while patrolling.
  - (e) Members shall accept the advice of any and all emergency personnel when reporting suspicious activities or crimes in progress.
- (4) Register the Neighborhood Watch program with local, state, and national law enforcement agencies to become part of the national initiative against crime.

Proposed law provides for definitions.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 33:9100.31-9100.33)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to the original bill

1. Deletes the requirement that affidavit include statement that members will not carry weapons.

