

Community Meeting Minutes 7/11/2008

- ❖ 6:05 Bobby Vickers, president of Greater Fulton Civic Association introduced meeting.
- ❖ Captain Ronca (Captain of 1st precinct) introduced the panel. Panel included Lt. James Laino, Sgt. Allan King (with the aggravated/ assault team), and Lt. Hamlett Hood (Gang team). Chief David McCoy was also present. Captain Ronca thanked the audience for being present, as well as those who called the police related to the most recent incident
- ❖ Chief David McCoy thanked the community for getting involved and because of their involvement 2 arrests have been made in this case. The ability to resolve as case early is of the utmost importance. “When you get involved things happen. Together we will keep making progress”. He encouraged all to be proactive to resolve issues within the neighborhood and to call 646-6700 when you needed him. He also mentioned that National Night Out is August 5th.
- ❖ Sgt Allan King He also discussed a briefing of the incident. I suspect was apprehended Monday night, with a 2nd suspect arrested Tuesday night. He reiterated that the incident was not gang related, and that it was an isolated domestic incident
- ❖ Lt. Hood of the Gang Unit added that he would like the community to continue to partnership with police to prevent crime in the future. He also was quoted as saying “Most identified people associated with gang activity within Fulton are your kids.”He reiterated that individual’s families should be responsible for their own children. He also mentioned that 2 gangs with 30 members have been identified within Fulton, and some members have been paroled and are back onto eh streets. He mentioned that watching out for retaliation is important and was quoted as saying “Just because we made arrests doesn’t mean we are going to leave Fulton; this community won’t accept this type of activity here”.
- ❖ Lt. Laino talked about the increase in the number of police patrols in the area. He also talked about wanting to deter retaliation. He talked about an increase in bike patrol within the past 2-3 months, as well as doing curfew sweeps within the neighborhood. Lt. Laino also encouraged people to call 911 when they hear random gunfire, and that they should leave their name and phone number with the 911 dispatcher if they would like to be contacted by the police. He mentioned that no police will come to your house unless you want them to.
- ❖ Lt. Laino introduced Harold Ford the environmental officer in charge of areas a
- ❖ Lt. Roco reiterated that people should give very descriptive information when they call the police.
- ❖ The floor was opened up for questions from community members
- ❖ Councilwoman Delores McQuinn stated that this meeting was “incident driven” but encourages the community to get involved and state involved. She proposed a question to the community: What are we going to do with our young people? We need to allow opportunities to give the kids things to do during the summer to keep them busy.
- ❖ Lt. King wants to community to offer any additional information on the shooting from Monday, and to call 646-6741 with any information
- ❖ Lt. Ronca mentioned that the next meeting will be held sometime in September or October, and encouraged all of the community to become more involved. He mentioned that the police department and the community need to work together to reduce crime
- ❖ Please refer to the website to contact any of the RPD: www.richmondgov.com/police

