

**HERITAGE NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP (HNP)
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2008**

Fellow HNP Block Captains (others blind copied);

We had our HNP neighborhood meeting last night at the Mansfield Bible Church and only had about fifteen residents show up. It was an excellent program with Officer Curtis Phillip (Mansfield Police), Deputy Superintendent Bob Morrison (MISD), and City Councilmember Darryl Haynes speaking on topics and answering questions.

It was disappointing that more of our residents did not participate. **If anyone has any ideas on how we can gain a stronger audience, please let me know.** We used to be able to draw about a hundred residents for such a program ---- not fifteen. We used about three neighborhood e-mails, had it on the website for about six weeks, and it was posted on our message board.

Lastly ---- Hey some good news ---- the Mansfield Police expect to have their city crime stats available online by sometime in January. Officer Phillip also stated during our HNP neighborhood meeting on Tuesday night that our HNP vicinity continues to be better than average with respect to crime numbers than other parts of the city. He emphasized the importance of presence on the streets (HNP Patrollers, walkers, joggers) and that we have good lighting along our streets at night. He also stated that word gets around (among criminals) about crime watch efforts in certain neighborhoods and that this is a deterrent. He gave us a thumbs up for our efforts and stated that others are using us as a model.

Also, Councilmember Haynes reported that Life Family Church has just bought Herb's (the vacant restaurant along west side of Matlock --- a little north of Country Club). Councilmember Haynes also spoke about leaning and aesthetic issues regarding utility poles and upcoming Council debates regarding the smoking ordinance.

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