

**Holland Homes Meeting**  
**Friday, March 27, 2009**  
**3:00 P.M.**  
**Rupert Bell Recreation Center**  
**1501 Mt. Zion Place**

Call to Order and Welcome – Derwick Paige, Deputy City Manager

*Attendance:*

**Winston-Salem Housing Authority** – DeeDee Ewing, Karen Durell and Larry Woods;

**Holland Homes Owners (First Baptist Church)** – Willie Clark, Jr., Jesse Hymes and Jim Bowen;

**Holland Home Representative** – Phillip Carter, James Davis, Mr. Penny;

**City** – Derwick Paige, Deputy City Manager; Wanda Nicholas, Housing Neighborhood Development; Cpt. D.C. Clayton, WSPD; Cpt. Connie Southern, WSPD; Cpt. Barry Rountree, WSPD; Det. Kevan Sawyer, WSPD; Council Member Joycelyn V. Johnson and Yolanda Taylor, City Secretary’s Office.

*Updates/Concerns:*

***Winston-Salem Police Department:***

Since the “No Trespassing” signs are posted, we hope that individuals that do not belong in that area would stay away. If you as tenants observe people that do not belong in the area, please call the WSPD. That way we can come out an arrest those individuals for trespassing. That way the message will be clear that Holland Homes is not the place non-tenants can socialize.

<i>WSPD</i>	<i>Response from HAWS</i>
We are continuing to have WSPO to patrol Holland Homes on foot. If anyone here has specific problems today, please give that information to us today. Foot patrol will continue to focusing on the laundry room area. There have been 27 arrest for drug charges, traffic charges and outstanding warrants from November 21, 2008 to March 26, 2009 with 19 offenses and the most serious being two burglaries that recently took place. We have been active in the area of Holland Homes.	HAWS, would like a list of those arrest at Holland Homes.

<i>Citizen</i>	<i>Response from WSPD</i>
How many of the arrest are convictions?	We do not know at this time. There could be multiple offenses, but same person could have been arrested on multiple charges.

<i>WSPD</i>	<i>Response from Citizen</i>

We are encouraging tenants to call the WSPD if they see anything suspicious. If tenants do not know the names of those in Holland Homes that are acting suspicious just give WSPD the address. Our business cards are available for you to have after the meeting.	I can point the people out that seem to be participating in illegal activity. One night a tenant and a person that did not live there made so much commotion smoking crack.
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***Winston-Salem Police Department:***

Cpt. Clayton introduced Det. Kevan Sawyer who handled the two burglaries. On March 19, 2009 a person was arrested for the apartment break-in at Holland Homes.

<i>WSPD</i>	<i>Response from Citizen</i>
WSPD went door to door informing tenants about the previous break-in and did a reverse 911.	I would thank everyone for acting speedy on the previous break-in.

<i>Citizen</i>	<i>Response from Det. K. Sawyer and Cpt. C. Southern</i>
Do you know why the assailant was in the area?	The assailant had knocked on several doors and two victims opened their door.
Had the assailant been in the area before the break-in?	Yes, the assailant had been there quite often. The assailant did try to open other doors at Holland Homes.
Had someone seen the assailant in the area before?	It appears that someone may have looked like him had been in the area. The assailant does not have any family in the area, but has committed other break-in within the city.
The laundry area is still a bad area, people sleep in there.	Did not observe any problems in the laundry room area.
Tenants give there laundry room key out to other people.	May need to have a neighborhood crime prevention meeting to inform tenants about giving out their keys and not letting people run errands for them. Let us know and we will be glad to arrange that meeting.
Break-in has been noticed and calls have been placed to the WSPD.	
Some tenants indulge in illegal activity. It has been noticed that two (2) apartments may have drug activity with number of people going in and out of a particular apartment all times of the day and night.	Young folks who were hanging out were spoken to about being in the area. Also, spoke to the tenants about allowing young folks run errands for them.

***Winston-Salem Housing Authority:***

If the HAWS suspect drug activity we call the WSPD and we tell them the units that need to be watched. We really need for the tenants that are causing problems to be arrested for the eviction process to go forward. Technically, we can evict on hearsay, but it makes the process more difficult and time consuming. All doors have pep holes.

<i>City</i>	<i>Response from the HAWS</i>
How many tenants have been evicted with drug activity at Holland Homes since we have started having these meetings?	It has been three (3) tenants evicted since we have started having these meetings.

It seems as though HAWS is taking action when they have evidence that a crime has been committed. Each tenant that is aware of illegal activity needs to contact the WSPD and not assume that the WSPD knows about the activity. So the WSPD can do their investigation.	We will call the tenant in to meet with them regarding the complaint we received on them. The more documentation that we have in the file when the arrest does come, we will have more evidence to present in court. We don't just wait for an arrest.
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***Winston-Salem Housing Authority:***

A luncheon will be held on May 7, 2009 with local prosecutors, judges, magistrates, HAWS board members and HUD officials. A discussion will be held on the issues that we are facing in our community and how those issues impact our community.

<i>City</i>	<i>Response from HAWS</i>
Can residents or people in the community attend the luncheon on May 7 <sup>th</sup> ? Since that is who those people are most accountable too.	We can discuss having someone from the community at the luncheon.

***Winston-Salem Housing Authority:***

We are close to purchasing Johnson Square. It will be a gated community. The apartments will face the street and there will be additional lighting and a camera system. The entire brick wall will be taken down. This will make a big difference to the area. Also, we will coordinate with Neighborhood Services to educate the community.

<i>Citizen</i>	<i>Response from CM Johnson</i>
Johnson Square has vacant apartments and that is the main problem. Once that is resolved then the problem at Holland Homes may clear up.	Is it the residents or just people hanging out there?  Yes, just people.

***City:***

Tenants are advised not to approach individuals that are doing anything illegal, but to call WSPD.

<i>City</i>	<i>Response from Citizens</i>
Are there "No Trespassing" sign posted at Johnson Square? When you see something going on in the Johnson Square area please contact the WSPD.	Yes, signs are posted.

<i>Citizen</i>	<i>Response from HAWS and WSPD</i>

There are a lot of people from legitimate agencies soliciting for clients, but they must have approval from the HAWS to solicit on the site.	Yes, we can have legitimate agency to get clearance from us. (HAWS)
The “No Trespassing” signs are put up and they look good. The sign say “No Trespassing” and Keep off the Grass. The “No Trespassing” signs are supposed to be the law and enforced, but most non-tenants pay the signs no attention.	We do not allow solicitor’s to go from door to door. We have told tenants not to open the door for people they do not know.
I have to keep pick up trash from out of my yard that other people put there. I wish there could be something done about that.	Individuals can be prosecuted by the just signing saying “No Trespassing”.
New signs say trespasser will be prosecuted, but doesn’t say anything about soliciting.	
Should we put a “No Trespassing” sign at the Highland Avenue side?	Yes, “No Trespassing” signs should be in all visible areas of Holland Homes.
Can you verify that the WSPD do not have to come to your home when a person calls about illegal activity?	Yes, that is correct. Give the dispatcher all the information you can give us over the phone. Also, if you call an officer directly can give the officer your cell phone.
We would like to have a neighborhood watch in the future at First Baptist Church.	Let us know when that meeting will take place.
A video has been taken of people walking around the back of apartments.	We would like to see that video.
When the WSPD come to the area the ‘people’ run from the WSPD and tell each other while on their cell phones the officers are coming.	We do have officer’s in plain clothes on foot and in unmarked cars that won’t be easily recognizable

**Council Member Joycelyn Johnson:**

For the crime sheet kit list, it would be a good idea to use bigger font size for the elderly the tenants. I would like to thank WSPD for alerting tenants of the previous break-in.

<i>CM Johnson</i>	<i>Response from Holland Homes and HAWS</i>
Since the WSPD cannot be there all the time Holland Homes will have to take some responsibility in protection.	We have been investigating different electronic methods. (Holland Homes)
Will HAWS help monitor the area?	We can be involved in the very beginning since we have done all the research. (HAWS)
Can the system be connected to the WSPD?	We do not know all the details. (Holland Homes)
We need to get a handle on the drink houses at Colony Place.	

<i>Holland Homes Owners</i>	<i>Response from Citizen</i>
Has there been a change in the area of Holland Homes?	Yes, I thought there was a change at first when the “No Trespassing” sign were put up. After a week or two everything was the same as before. When the signs are not enforced then the people pay it no attention.
Was it has bad as it was three (3) months ago?	No, it is not as bad as it was three (3) months ago.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 12, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at Rupert Bell Recreation Center.

Meeting ended at 4:17 p.m.

Yolanda G. Taylor  
City Secretary's Office  
Recording Secretary