



CRIME WATCH COMMITTEE

PURPOSE:

The Southwind Community Association Crime Watch Committee shall act as “extra eyes and ears” for the police and other law enforcement agencies as deemed appropriate, advising and assisting the Board of Directors in creating a safe, crime-free community. In order to accomplish its task, the committee will be responsible for activities that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Encouraging all residents to get to know and care for their neighbors by hosting a minimum of one social / educational event annually (e.g., “National Night Out”)
- Developing a system, in collaboration with the Board of Directors and local law enforcement agencies, for notifying resident members of potential criminal activity
- Conducting an initial Crime Watch meeting for all resident members in order to introduce local law enforcement officials, explain the Crime Watch Committee’s activities and recruit volunteers to participate in said approved committee activities
- Organizing “Block Captains” to watch for possible criminal activity within their designated areas which would then be reported to the Board of Directors and designated law enforcement agencies as appropriate
- Recruiting replacements for vacant “Block Captain” positions

STRUCTURE:

The committee shall consist of at least three (3) resident members in good standing approved by the Board of Directors as volunteers to serve in this capacity. The volunteer members of the committee shall select a Lead person and a Secretary from within its membership. The Lead person shall preside at all committee meetings, and the Secretary will be responsible for taking minutes at all meetings to be submitted to the Board of Directors. The Lead person shall be responsible for transmitting any and all recommendations to the Board of Directors. All recommended projects must receive approval from the Board of Directors.

MEMBERSHIP:

Each committee member shall be a resident owner in good standing of Southwind Community Association.

TERM: Members of the committee shall be volunteers and should have no term limit. The committee Lead person and Secretary shall serve for two years and may be re-voted in for an additional two years (maximum of four year term).

MEETINGS: The committee Lead person should be responsible for deciding how many committee meetings are required throughout the year to successfully plan and oversee its activities.

QUORUM: A majority of the committee members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the votes of a majority of the members present at which a quorum is present shall constitute the decision of the committee.

BUDGET: The committee shall adhere to a budget, as approved by the Board of Directors. Any projects exceeding approved budgetary guidelines must be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval prior to implementation.