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HUNTERS VILLAGE/TAPESTRY BLOCK WATCH G.A.I.N meeting

October 17, 2026 -8:30 am

1. Welcome to Hunters Village/Tapestry GAIN meeting
2. Introduction of new member: Ron (and Kim) Mayer
3. Introduction of Phoenix Police representatives of the Desert Horizon precinct -
 - a. Commander Fabian Gonzalez
 - b. Community Resource Lieutenant Jor Bruno
 - c. Community Action Sergeant Jen Zak
 - d. Community Action Officer (CAO) Officer Mario Lozoya
 - e. Bike Squad Sergeant Stefan Genewick
 - f. Police Q&A:
 - Staffing currently at ~2,500 officers (equivalent to mid-1990s levels), well below the 3,125 budgeted
 - Academy recruitment dropped from ~300/year to 45–60/year starting in 2020
 - Recruitment challenges persist despite offering the highest pensionable pay in Arizona
 - Out-of-state recruiting (e.g., Seattle, Portland) limited by family ties and relocation hurdles
 - Commended County Attorney Rachel Mitchell's initiative simulating split-second decisions in officer-involved shootings
 - The Desert Horizon precinct has a Real Time Operations Center that has a gunshot detection system to pinpoint gunfire the moment it happens, helping officers respond faster and keep our city safe. Tours are available. (YouTube video link: <https://youtu.be/QsTehTg0ISs?si=bHm5uRJhXqLkBE8t>)
4. Farewell address from outgoing Phoenix City District 2 Councilman Jim Waring Marking his 15th and final annual meeting as a city council member before retirement.
 - a. District 2 performance metrics:
 - Lowest crime, COVID rates, and ambulance calls in the city
 - Slower emergency response times further north due to fewer stations; working to add fire services
 - b. City water infrastructure:

- Water-intensive expansions ongoing (TSMC, Raytheon)
 - City has a plan to address Colorado River shortfalls; funding options include federal aid or a future voter measure
5. Thanks to Candy Dugdahl for writing and submitting our grant application. Grant update -
 1. Huge thanks to Patti Matz for shopping and storing all the promo and security-related items throughout the year.
 2. Thank you to Bob Mitchell for maintaining our website & keeping it up to date. The website costs the blockwatch around \$325 per year for webhosting, so we are encouraged to use it. Contact bob_mitchell@cox.net for access and if you have any suggestions (e.g. recommended vendors).
 3. Our next BW meeting is **Saturday, January 16, 2027**. Location: **TBD**
 4. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM
 5. Attendance: 29

Action Items:

Mel Hoffman will work with CAO Mario Lopez to schedule a tour of the PPD Desert Horizon "Real Time Operations Center".