

MOTION: _____

**February 14, 2011
Regular Meeting
Res No. R-2011-48**

SECOND: _____

**RE: IDENTIFYING NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AND SAFETY
AS A CITY PRIORITY**

WHEREAS, the City Council of Manassas values the City's neighborhoods and all of the people who live in those neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Manassas has identified serious challenges facing our neighborhoods, particularly focusing on issues of safety, appearance, revitalization, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Manassas wishes to maintain and improve the livability of City neighborhoods;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Manassas City Council does hereby identify neighborhood revitalization and safety as a City priority and directs staff to undertake the following:

1. Direct the Chief of Police to establish a 3-man foot patrol unit for the South Grant area and inform next Finance meeting of cost and provide recommendation for reestablishing some overtime fund. Manager is further directed to coordinate availability of funds.
2. Manager is directed to immediately implement a mobile staff effort to achieve onsite property code, zoning and rental inspection enforcement. Identify and expedite cases for compliance, and initiate community engagement with leadership in City neighborhoods.
3. Provide a report from Community Development, Public Works, and Police Departments on common trends, complaints, violations, and crime including a summary of opportunities for increased enforcement initiatives and the adequacy of existing resources to provide enforcement activities.
4. Develop a process for facilitating youth engagement through the Schools by implementing transportation to the Boys & Girls Club and youth based activities to enrich the quality of life for City residents.
5. Land Use Committee is directed to take up and create strategies for community involvement, create a model strategy for neighborhood revitalization, and to prepare a report of recommendations for City Council.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Manassas City Council directs a report back on these matters from the appropriate Department Heads compiled by the Neighborhood Services Manager within 60 days describing actions taken, actions planned and results and quarterly progress reports thereafter, including an assessment of whether these initiatives can be effectively managed within existing personnel and budgetary resources.

Harry J. Parrish II
On behalf of the City Council
Of Manassas, Virginia

ATTEST:

Andrea P. Madden City Clerk

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting: