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Meeting Minutes - Approved PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW BOARD

Tuesday, August 12, 2008

5:00 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 103-A (City-County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 -

Paul E. Skidmore; Eli Judge; Larry Pasha; Tyrone W. Bell; Amy R. Smith
and Bret M. Gundlach

Excused: 2 -

Michael S. Scott and Terry E. Moen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Bell, seconded by Skidmore, to Approve the Minutes.
The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ronnie Hess, 1819 Summit Avenue, Regent Neighborhood - has been instrumental in getting the red flag crossing in her neighborhood. Would like future discussion by the PSRB on pedestrian safety issues. Residents in the Monroe Street and University Avenue have offered some suggestions and worked on a "Yield to Pedestrians" campaign. She has talked with Traffic Engineering over the past two years but feels they did a minimum and Mr. Dryer has not returned messages to her emails to him. Feels city is geared to a "car culture." Wants to see what more can be done beyond what have already done. Skidmore suggested that it would probably be very helpful for her to contact the City's Pedestrian/Motor Vehicle/Bicycle Commission (he sits on this board) which actually deals specifically with pedestrian issues. It would be an effective forum to get on their agenda. Ms. Hess will do this, but PSRB can also take up this issue.

REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL

1. [07734](#) SUBSTITUTE - Creating Sections 27.05(2)(aa), (bb), (cc), and (dd) and Section 29.20(21) of the Madison General Ordinances to require bulbs with an energy efficiency of at least thirty (30) lumens in some common areas and dwelling units in residential buildings.

Sponsors: Larry Palm and Brian L. Solomon

Attachments: [07734-Version 1.pdf](#)
[07734-Version 2-SUB.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Judge, seconded by Bell, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation to Place on File to the BUILDING CODE, FIRE CODE AND LICENSING APPEALS BOARD. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

2. [10426](#) Amending Sec. 26.13(1) of the Madison General Ordinances creating a definition for performance space and adding this language into the definition of child safety zone.

Sponsors: Zachariah Brandon

A motion was made by Judge, seconded by Skidmore, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by the following vote:

Excused: 2 -

Michael S. Scott and Terry E. Moen

Recused: 1 -

Amy R. Smith

Ayes: 5 -

Paul E. Skidmore; Eli Judge; Larry Pasha; Tyrone W. Bell and Bret M. Gundlach

REPORTS

3. [10806](#) Standing Committee Report: 911 Center Committee

Alder Skidmore has attended two committee meetings and another meeting will take place soon. Staffing status of the Center is an area where the County feels differently than the City. Five new responders are getting training in September. Committee Chair is Joe Norwich and Vice-Chair is Captain Carl Gloede of the Madison Police Department. Their discussion items have included: emergency call handling protocol (land line, cell and other - computer contacts by public); what to do if responder calls back and get no answer; reviewing what happens concerning "mistake" calls (currently caller receives a visit from sheriff's department and can result in a citation); list of complaints in spreadsheet; questions and comments from citizen group. Are working to upgrade internal consoles and an effort to upgrade communications equipment to 800 mhz. City of Madison already has the infra-structure for this caliber equipment but smaller communities do not and are concerned about the cost. This change is a federal mandate and will need to be addressed soon. The 911 Board is redefining and reviewing various processes. Negotiations between city and county are occurring - current one expired 7/1/08. County wants an open-ended contract process but city wants a deadline (with extensions given) of a contract no later than 1/1/10. Quality control issues, time delays, wrong directions given to first responders, etc. are items being addressed.

4. [11144](#) **Police Staffing Report by Assistant Chief John Davenport.**

Assistant Chief Davenport said that historically police staffing ratio was done comparing Madison to other law enforcement agencies in the country, using the ratio of the number of police officers per 1,000 persons. They have come to see that this is not a good method. There are different policing styles throughout the nation's cities - some are strictly call-driven for example. Etico Solutions was selected to do our study of Patrol only. It was comprehensive and data driven. It gives the Department a process (not answers). Police is now gathering improved data - things officers are doing apart from just responding to calls. The recommended goal is that an officer's time would be equally divided (1/2 of each hour) between reactive and proactive work. Staff can increase efficiency by reallocating existing resources (officers). Also many agencies are going to 10 or 12 hour work shifts. Madison Police can't implement the multiple shift plan at this time, but can move around our other resources. It is hoped that some of the recommendations from this study can be incorporated in 2009. A critical need is for more police vehicles (squads), which cost approximately \$50,000 each (12-15 needed). However, these have to be budgeted for so the department is looking to see if perhaps they can upgrade some of their current vehicles. It is also planned (if approved in budget) to upgrade 4 police officer positions to sergeants, as the study showed a need for an increase in the officer/supervisor ratio. It is also more efficient to address the spike in calls for service at bar time with overtime, as opposed to assigning officers to these beats.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/UPDATES

5. [11204](#) Discussion Item: Mapping Update - David Faust, City IT Department

David Faust of the City's Information Technology Department gave a presentation. The Madison Police Department's website is being updated, utilizing more of a horizontal alignment instead of the old vertical. Crime mapping is an element being built into the site. Detailed information will be available, back 5 years. No names nor specific addresses will be give to protect the privacy of those involved. It won't be a "pin on the map" type but a list of what type crimes have occurred in specific areas. This aggregate information will be for the public. Mapping is labor intensive and current information system is not suitable for integration as is. A project team is meeting to work on the aspects needed to accomplish the mapping. This involved scrubbing the data, stopping bleeding and looking forward - is an initial step in the process for possibly more detailed mapping information by Police. A. Smith suggested linking the city's police website to other helpful related websites, e.g., where sex offenders dwell.

6. [10802](#) Discussion Item: Environmental Design - PSRB Subcommittee Update

This item will be taken up at the September meeting.

7. [11208](#) Discussion Item: Concept of a PSRB Newsletter.
- Larry Pasha gave an example of a possible PSRB newsletter which would be done on-line. It will be discussed at the September meeting.
8. [11205](#) Discussion Item: Hosting Community Meetings and Topics for Discussion
- This will be discussed at the September meeting.
9. [11570](#) Discussion Items: Setting PSRB meeting dates for September, October and November 2008.
- Anita Perrett will email members for possible meeting dates for September, October and November 2008.
10. [11207](#) Information Technology Update - Madison Police Department
- This item was covered under Item #5 - Mapping Update.
11. [11582](#) Discussion Item: Neighborhood Indicators Project - Joel Plant, Assistant to the Mayor
- Andrew Statz gave a presentation on Neighborhood Indicators Pilot Project. Data at a geography level is desired; census data is collected only every 10 years. The health of a neighborhood and whether quality and stability are slipping can be determined so that resources as needed can be allocated before the neighborhood becomes a major problem. There are about 90 neighborhoods in the City - this is a test only of 5 neighborhoods so that the system can be made "right" before applying it to the entire city. Funding is available for the pilot program. There are 7 specific indicators which will give common denominators to all neighborhoods: basic area characteristics, public safety, health and family well-being, community action and involvement, economic vitality, housing quality and availability and transportation. They are using modified existing city neighborhood associations as the boundaries for "neighborhood" in pilot program. Charlotte NC has a model program from which the City is getting information. This project should be on the City website about 10/7 and hope for full-scale in 2009 with trend analyses being done, hall-marking the data with annual updates. He may be reached at astatz@cityofmadison.com or 266-4611.
- A/C Davenport said the Police Department is excited about this project - it gives focus and would be proactive as well as traditional reactive; could give some indicators to forecast what may occur in the neighborhood.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Judge, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.