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Meeting Minutes - Draft PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

5:00 PM Madison Police Department Central Community Room
211 South Carroll Street, Room Gr-27
City-County Building

Present: 7 - Paul E. Skidmore; Ledell Zellers; Debra F. Julian; Syed (John) Mustajab Abbas; Mary T. Anglim; Gideon W. Amoah and Charles Myadze

Absent: 3 - Sara J. Petzold; Margaret Anderson and Barbara Harrington-McKinney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mustajab Abbas made a motion to approve the January 9, 2019 minutes. Alder Zellers seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment –

Wanda Smith
2713 McDivitt Road
Madison, WI

Ms. Smith would like to see a change for those who live in the Tree Lane community where she hears the cry of people who live there and those on the outside that don't understand what it is to be without. She mentions the police are doing too much being landlords, counselors, and involved with community policing. She said let the paid community leader's work. She also shared there are too many white police officers and policy and procedures are wrote by white people. Those that live at Tree Lane their civil rights are being violated with oppressive officers and too many of them.

John Brown
1713 Beld Street
Madison, WI

Mr. Brown shared his story about his past and his living arrangements. He said he understands Tree Lane and was for the proposal of Tree Lane Apartments. His suggestion was to work on making Tree Lane more of a community and see if there are changes.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. [54653](#) Heartland Alliance - Continued Discussion on 7933 Tree Lane

Chair Julian asked if she could get a motion to move the agenda out of order to allow item #3 to go first on the agenda. Mustajab Abbas made a motion for approval. Zellers seconded the motion.

Gloria Reyes, Deputy Mayor as a follow-up from the January PSRC meeting shared an update on Tree Lane. She indicated there have been policy changes made to the visitor policy. Residents have been involved with planning activities to make it more of a home environment. There have been concerns expressed by residents with the media portraying them as homeless in which they are tenants and pay rent. The Mayor's Office is working with the Media regarding this. Calls for service has been down for the last two weeks. Community support resources and efforts will continue to be available for residents. City of Madison Community Development Director, Jim O'Keefe shared the YWCA will be leaving on 3/15 but ROAB Home will be assisting temporarily until there are Request for Proposals that will come in to assist with community services. Reyes shared the goal is to focus on security/enforcement policies now but over time with the increase in support services for the tenants the hope would be the calls for service will go down and resident's will be able to enforce themselves. Good work is being accomplished however there are still a lot of issues to work through and there was a nuisance abatement filed because of being a chronic nuisance premise. City Assistant City Attorney Zilavy shared there will a meeting scheduled with Heartland Alliance, Madison Police and the City Attorney's Office that will plan and discuss an abatement plan. Once determined what the abatement plan of action will be the plan will be re-visited after a certain time to make sure the new plan of action is working. The focus is to abate the nuisance at the property and the goal is to have the elements in the plan work. Eric Halvorsen from the City of Madison Traffic Engineering was available to share information on parking and various plans that Traffic Engineering is working on to help with eliminating congestion and parking in the lot and off the street.

2. [54657](#) Madison Police Mission Statements

Attachments: [Proposed Mission Statements for MPD.pdf](#)

Assistant Chief Patterson from the Madison Police Department thanked the committee for their time to look at the mission statements and provide feedback. The original feedback from the committee on the mission statements was shared with the Management Team and some of the suggestions from the committee were incorporated when revising the language within the statements. Core values were removed from the mission statements as a suggestion from the committee. There are two mission statements that would remain unchanged and that is the Task Force as there is an existing MOU with other County agencies and the Training Team. The Training Team language was changed at the beginning to be consistent with other statements but since the statement is posted in several areas there would not be any other changes. A few additional suggestions from the committee were made that will be incorporated for a final review with the Management Team. The committee requested the final version is shared with them before it is officially posted on the Madison Police website.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM

3. [53967](#) Authorizing the Chief of Police to sign a Cost Reimbursement Agreement with the FBI annually for three years for a total amount of \$22,500 for overtime expenses.

Attachments: [53967 v1.pdf](#)

Assistant Chief Patterson from the Madison Police Department shared information on the resolution indicating that it would be for potential reimbursement from the FBI and the Department of Justice. The Madison Police Department has a working partner relationship with the FBI and the last couple of years there has been an increase in violent crimes with attempted homicides/homicides that has also increased the workload for detectives and the Violent Crime Unit. The resolution would recoup costs that have increased over the last several years.

A motion was made by Zellers, seconded by Abbas, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

REPORTS

4. [54654](#) Report from the Madison Police Department

Attachments: [February 2019 Madison Police Department Report.pdf](#)

Captain Bach from the Madison Police Department shared information from the attached report.

5. [54655](#) Report from the Madison Fire Department

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Assistant Chief Christenson from the Madison Fire Department shared information from the attached report.

6. [54656](#) Report from Alders

Alder Skidmore reported on Tree Lane. He shared there is an abatement action in place. Tree Lane is about behavior and not about race. Calls for service has been down but he believes it is weather related.

The Mayor will be meeting with the Streets Department to revisit Senior living areas to ensure access to those streets.

NEXT MEETING

March 13, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

Alder Skidmore made a motion to adjourn. Myadze seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.