



# City of Madison

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW BOARD

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Tuesday, December 12, 2006

5:00 PM

Boys & Girls Club, 4619 Jenewein Rd

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#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** Paul E. Skidmore, Larry Pasha, Tyrone W. Bell, Michael S. Scott, Terry E. Moen and Amy R. Smith

**Excused:** Austin W. King and Adam G. Lichtenheld

**Others Present:** Larry Licht, Mary Carbine, Chief Noble Wray (MPD), Joel Plant, Capt. Mary Schaefer, Capt. John Davenport and Chief Keiken (MFD).

Meeting was called to order by Chair Moen at 5:05 p.m.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

We had two speakers to comment on Establishing an Alcohol License Density Plan for Police Sectors 403, 404, 405 & 406.

The first speaker was Larry Licht. He owns 5 businesses downtown including the Tornado Club. This proposal does not address problem bars. They are in the 100 block of W. Main, without problems. Why should good bars be penalized? We need other solutions and more public input. He would like to see off duty police officers working security in bars. Private cops are not good. Have patrons pay a fee to cover the officer. ALRC should require having a police officer on duty. There are general problems with the plan form a business point of view. It is difficult to attract non-alcohol related businesses downtown; no parking, don't want older buildings, not business friendly, pay full taxes even if building is vacant.

The second speaker was Mary Carbine, Executive Director of the Business Improvement District (BID). The BID board has not made official Recommendations yet. There is a meeting at the Senior Center to gather public comment. There is recognition of alcohol related violence. She said the timeline has to be slowed down, a wide range of businesses and property owners need to be heard, we need their buy-in. The policy proposed could have unintended consequences. Need to look at net gain and loss of liquor licenses; need more information on how success would be measured and by who, not just police and policy makers, need to include businesses and property owners. Ms. Carbine left written comments for the record as well.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Due to extraordinary circumstances, the minutes of the previous meeting were not available for review.

**NEW BUSINESS****05065**

Establishing an Alcohol License Density Plan for Police Sectors 403, 404, 405 and 406.

**Sponsors:** David J. Cieslewicz, Judy K. Olson and Michael E. Verveer

**A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Bell, to Rerefer to the PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW BOARD**

The first speaker was Joel Plant, the Alcohol Policy Coordinator from the Mayor's Office. He wanted it on the record that this issue is not to be fast tracked; it is before 4 committees, earliest consideration late February, but more likely March, April or May. He reiterated position that alcohol was related to violence. Said there are a variety of efforts in this area including the Mayor's Office, the Police Department, UW, Student Organizations, and businesses. He said that the levels of blood alcohol is up on for 19 year olds, meaning they are drinking more; talked about planning vs. enforcement, not aimed at house parties but at the high density of alcohol licenses downtown, the # of establishments and the number of people at those establishments. Said needed more research from city agencies. He provided written handout information for the record as well.

Captain Mary Schaefer- look at planning, what kind of downtown do we want. Spoke of police reports and the role of alcohol in violent crimes; looking for public input.

Mike Scott- Madison like other communities in WI, La Crosse, Superior, Green Bay, are looking at alcohol density. Very few have taken discretionary powers of the ALRC, council must approve; want council to approve up front. Alcohol licenses are under the control of municipalities, they do not have to grant licenses, some communities do this on the front end; we cannot do this in this case.

Chief Wray- In response to Mr. Licht's comments about using off duty police officers in business establishments, said police regulate them and working there is a conflict of interest. Many are already working special duty; first obligation is to primary job.

Mike Scott- Police in businesses often does not have the intended effect. Can actually contribute to violence problems, It can undermine what bar owners should be doing, shifts responsibility. Based on his reading of the literature, this does not work.

Ald. Paul Skidmore asked that we invite Ald. Mike Verveer and Ald. Judy Olson to speak to this issue at the next meeting.

The motion passed by acclamation.

**05100**

Creating Section 23.37 of the Madison General Ordinances to prohibit interfering with a mother breastfeeding and amending Section 1.08(3) of the Madison General Ordinances to establish the bail deposit amount for violation of this section.

**Sponsors:** Robbie Webber, Austin W. King, Michael E. Verveer, Paul J. Van Rooy, Paul E. Skidmore, Jed Sanborn, Santiago Rosas, Noel T. Radomski, Larry Palm, Judy K. Olson, Brenda K. Konkell, Tim Gruber, Judy Compton, Lauren Cnare, Zachariah Brandon and Brian Benford

**A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Pasha, to Rerefer to the PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW BOARD This issue was referred to the next meeting when the committee might have more information on the issue. Request that one of the sponsors attend to speak to the ordinance. The motion passed by acclamation.**

**Police - Allied Neighborhood Report**

Captain John Davenport gave an extended, methodical and eloquent report on the history of Allied Drive activities, problems, and solutions from the police perspective. The details of his presentation can be found in the three reports on Allied that were handed out at the meeting dated April 3, 2006, June 25, 2006 and December 4, 2006. This is a small area of the city that presently consumes a large proportion of police resources. Please read the reports that detail the demographics of the area and the history of police initiatives. Recently there has been a city attorney assigned to address orders and nuisance complaints in the area. Landlords were having problems getting a grasp on the magnitude of problems. They are now getting a monthly listing of calls for service in their buildings. Spoke of the public health survey of the area; jobs are crucial, many people cite lack of green space, state that arrests are not the answer alone. There is a recognition that as violence increases there is less trust of the Police Department. There is a high stress level for officers as well as residents in the area. In the last 6 weeks no weapons offences and calls for service have dropped.

Chief Wray- Stated that 31 nuisance abatement letters in significant in an area this small. Another major issue is the placement of persons on probation and parole in Allied (& other neighborhood in the city). There are 120-150 people on probation or parole in Allied alone. The Mayor organized a meeting with Corrections. Chief Wary, Mike Scott & others attended as well. They discussed the problems that have been created by saturation placement of released inmates on probation or parole.. The city is looking for customized placement so that we do not have this impact of concentration on our neighborhoods. Why would you put people who were in prison on drug related charges into a neighborhood with the last open air drug market in Madison? There was also the discussion of proper monitoring of those on probation or parole.

Chief Keiken- Gave a brief overview of Fire/EMS activities in Allied from January 1, 2006 through December 12, 2006. There were 330 calls for service in that period of which 288 were EMS calls and 10 were fire calls. With the closest stations being 9 & 7 they cannot generally make the 5 minute or even the 8 minute response time. There are two handouts that detail the response. In the future Fire will prepare a more detailed breakdown of calls for service.

Tyrone Bell- Spoke of all the teamwork needed for this effort; asked if police

“reward” people who stay out of trouble and support the community. Said there were parallels to Iraq as an occupying army, discussion of meeting with Alice Howard on ways to reduce tension.

Mike Scott- Spoke of experience of Highpoint NC; police vs. the community, appreciate the intentions but not the means. Mothers asked kids to stop their illegal activities, they did not. Then the mothers began to give information to police. For property abatement need a full-time DA just for nuisance . If you say you are going to do something you have to follow-through. Mike wondered with the emphasis on property code violations, would there be an increase in arson. Discussion around that with general thoughts being no.

Amy Smith- Inquired as to why the open air drug market still exists, discussion on topic. Are tenants being evicted with significant problems? Are some being evicted who should not be? Where will all of these residents be displaced to? What will be the resulting problems? Amy wondered if we are at the “tipping point” for the neighborhood to change for the better. What is the response and support in the community, what will be the change in the physical layout of properties and green space with the property acquired by the city.

Mike Scott- The problems of Allied cannot be solved by Police and Fire alone. The problems are divers and the solutions must be multifaceted. What are all of the other city agencies doing? How are efforts being coordinated? We had more discussion of customize placement and the issue of lack of probation a parole officers and follow-up.

#### Fire Department Report

Chief Keiken- In addition to the material presented on Allied, chief Keiken wanted to raise the issue of live fire training in acquired structures. He asked that Chief Ronald Schwenn speak on this issue at the next meeting for 31-45 minutes, addressing safety for personnel, safety for the neighborhood, air quality, DNR issues.

#### Agenda Items for next meeting

There was a brief discussion of the issue of planning and environmental design. We want to have the head of city planning attend a meeting so we can discuss this issue.

#### Standing Committee Reports

There were no Standing Committee reports.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Scott, seconded by Smith, to Adjourn  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The motion passed by acclamation.