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Meeting Minutes - Approved PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW BOARD

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

5:00 ~~PM~~ Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Room 103A Ctiy-Cty Bldg
Room 103-A (City-County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Also present: Assistant Chief of Police Davenport, Assistant Chief of Fire Keiken, Mayoral Assistant Plant.

Present: 7 -

Paul E. Skidmore; Eli Judge; Larry Pasha; Michael S. Scott; Terry E. Moen; Amy R. Smith and Bret M. Gundlach

Absent: 1 -

Tyrone W. Bell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Absent: 1 -

Tyrone W. Bell

Ayes: 6 -

Paul E. Skidmore; Eli Judge; Larry Pasha; Michael S. Scott; Bret M. Gundlach and Terry E. Moen

Abstentions: 1 -

Amy R. Smith

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Lehmann, Attorney for Madison Cultural Arts District, spoke on behalf of Item #1426 - "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." He and his staff have worked with the alder and city attorney's office to incorporate language as a simple amendment to this proposed ordinance, which would cover events where children are the desired audience. Language is somewhat generic - does not specifically say the Overture Center - and would include Monona Terrace and other such places where "Performance spaces oriented to children's performances."

PSRB staff asked how this would be handled in areas, such as Overture Center, where space is shared with a multitude of different events targeting different groups at the same time. Skidmore asked if this was a solution in search of a

problem. Atty Lehmann replied that staff there have observed suspicious behavior in this genre.

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](#)

As the Sierra Club was not in attendance to give input on this measure, the following action was taken:

A motion was made by Judge, seconded by Skidmore, to Rerefer to the PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW BOARD, due back on 8/12/2008. 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

The Board would like City Attorney Office representation in attendance to clarify ramifications of this ordinance as well as the proposed amendment asked for under Public Comment.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Skidmore, to Rerefer to the PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW BOARD, due back on 8/12/2008. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [10808](#) Discussion Item: Summary on Mifflin Street Block Party 2008

A/C Davenport gave a synopsis report on the Mifflin Street party. There were no injuries nor property damage. Activity later in the night was characterized by groups of intoxicated persons gravitating towards State Street. The event had many of the same problems as in previous years. Like Halloween, this event has reached a point of "no return." Arrests seem to have no impact on behavior. It took a large city effort (private and government involvement) to change Halloween - is Mifflin becoming the "spring Halloween" party and do we need to do the same city intervention for it?

The main problem continues to be the large number of what are essentially illegal taverns; it is not a sponsored event and there is lots of underage drinking. Arrests were up this year (438). Assertive arrest policy + education (before the event) stressing participants' actions will be utilized. There is concern among citizens that this event is providing public protection for private

parties at no cost to them. Public education this year ("Don't be an idiot") did seem to help in that most arrests were for minor infractions.

Once the police recap report is complete, information will be shared with PSRB as to how many of the citations/arrests made were for out-of-towners.

REPORTS

4. [08202](#) Report of Madison Fire Department:
1. Regional EMS Protocols, EMS QA Program and other questions/concerns on the EMS System
 2. 2007 Response Time Fractal's for Fire & EMS Response and explain the department's Post Incident Analysis (PIA) for significant events. - Assistant Chief James Keiken

A/C Keiken gave a power point presentation with accompanying handout. All the data was for the 2007 calendar year. Building fires were spread fairly evenly throughout the city. EMS shows a density in the isthmus and on major thoroughfares. When multiple calls are recorded at the same, they are noted and community education staff work with these areas, primarily with the UW and incoming Freshmen to lessen the number or false fire alarms.

The 911 Center tracks all calls (Echo, Delta, Charlie, Bravo, Alpha, Omega - with Echo being the most serious) well. When the call is typed incorrectly, it is usually because the person on the other end of the phone calling 911 has not given accurate information. A 5-minute response time for EMS and 8-minute for fires is ideal but is not currently possible in all areas of the city.

Quality assurance is done immediately after a fire by the incident commander. This allows for immediate feedback on most small routine incidents.

Formal post incident analysis is done on bigger events and results are used as a formal training presentation. Post incident debriefing is scheduled for all key players to attend to review the incident. Afterward, a set of "lessons learned" is put out for training to all staff.

Causes for most firefighter deaths or injuries are: 1) incomplete communication, 2) independent or "freelancing" actions or a misunderstanding of what they were told to do, and 3) lack of command presence.

EMS quality assurance is done right after the call unless the unit is immediately sent on another call. Bimonthly conferences are held. The department is contracting for QA support for the medical director.

5. [08205](#) Standing Committee Report: Dane County Commission on Sensitive Crimes

No action or discussion occurred on this item.

6. [10806](#) Standing Committee Report: 911 Center Committee

Due to limited time, this was referred to the August meeting on a motion by Skidmore, seconded by Judge and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. [11206](#) Taser Update - Madison Police Department

Acting Captain Wahl have an update on the use of tasers in the Madison Police Department. The use of tasers began as a pilot program in 2003, and additional tasers have been incrementally phased in each year since. Currently 325 commissioned police staff are trained to use tasers. New recruits receive this training as part of their academy experience beginning in 2007. The department has 140 tasers deployed at various districts for use with the ultimate plan to have enough for each taser-trained officer to carry his/her own.

Since 2003, there have been 245 taser-involved incidents (270 tasers deployed) where 22 of the suspects involved were armed. There were 192 cases of compliance by individual just by the threat or displaying of the taser (of these 16 were armed).

About 3/4 of the times a taser is "pulled" it is effective. Most failures are because 1) one or both of the probes missed or 2) thick or loose clothing worn by the suspect. The purchase of tasers is a 5-year capital budget plan. Wahl feels it is a good successful tool for the Madison Police Department and avoids the use of deadly force in some cases.

Staff asked if there were statistics to show when less force than a taser could have been used instead of the taser? This would be hard to determine. Wahl is comfortable today that the opposite is true - tasers are used when formally more force would have been used. Doesn't think there have been any citizen complaints filed. Officers get supplemental training through in-service every 2 years.

Moen stated they would like a stronger look at the statistics on those that failed. Wahl reviews each incident and compiles an annual report on that information as well as doing follow-up training. The data is entered in a spread sheet as he gets the reports, but no report is generated until the year ends.

8. [11207](#) Information Technology Update - Madison Police Department

Due to time limits, this item was referred to the August meeting on a motion by Skidmore, seconded by Judge and unanimously approved.

9. [11208](#) Discussion Item: Concept of a PSRB Newsletter.

Due to time limits, this item was referred to the August meeting on a motion by Skidmore, seconded by Judge, and unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.