



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW BOARD

Thursday, September 11, 2008

5:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 4 -
Paul E. Skidmore; Eli Judge; Larry Pasha and Michael S. Scott

Absent: 1 -
Tyrone W. Bell

Excused: 3 -
Terry E. Moen; Amy R. Smith and Bret M. Gundlach

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Judge, to Approve the Minutes of August 12, 2008. The motion passed by the following vote:

Absent: 1 -
Tyrone W. Bell

Excused: 3 -
Amy R. Smith; Bret M. Gundlach and Terry E. Moen

Ayes: 3 -
Paul E. Skidmore; Eli Judge and Larry Pasha

Abstentions: 1 -
Michael S. Scott

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

REFERRALS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

1. [11565](#) Establishing a Glass-Free Zone for the State Street area from 9:30 p.m. on October 31, 2008 to 6:00 a.m. on November 1, 2008 and from 9:30 p.m. on November 1, 2008 to 6:00 a.m. on November 2, 2008.

These are routine measures taken each Halloween: a glass-free zone has been in place for several years, city has an outstanding relationship with Frank Productions and the budget is actually less than the previous year (\$83,000 in '07 and \$56,000 in '08 with \$40,000 from contingent funds and \$16,000 from departmental budgets).

Mike Scott noted that the City of Madison (Police Department) is one of 7 national finalists in the International Herman Goldstein Award, for their work done with Halloween and how they have documented what was done to improve the event. The finalist will be announced in Seattle. Madison Police can be proud of what they have accomplished.

Paul Skidmore wondered if these resolutions could be made automatic - for example a blanket ban on "no glass" in State Street area. A/C Davenport explained that we can't since there are residents living above State Street businesses who need to be able to go back and forth from residence with glass. Thus the Police Department has asked for a 9:30 PM cut-off time.

Joel Plant said the expectation was that this becomes more of a regular event and not an incident with it being a safe, fun and privately-funded event with lower public cost as much as possible. It is hoped that it will be a continuing successful event through the years.

A/C Davenport added that Police monitor what is happening across the country. Madison's plan was modeled after that used in San Francisco, but it takes just one bad incident to change the event back (they had a shooting there in recent years).

Eli Judge spoke for his constituents saying that he and they like the level of violence going down, but feel that Madison-area students should not be charged for the event. Joel said they are looking at a discounted pre-event sale which would be at least give them a lower price than out-of-towners buying tickets the day of the event.

A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Scott, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

2. [11569](#) Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract with Frank Productions, Inc., subject to both the Mayor's Office approval and the conditions included in the Street Use Permit expected to be issued to Frank Productions, Inc. for events associated with Halloween 2008.

A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Scott, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [11571](#) Amending the Police Department 2008 operating budget by appropriating \$40,000 from the Contingent Reserve Fund and amending the Engineering Division, Streets Division and Parks Division 2008 Operating Budgets by reallocating various cost savings; utilizing these funds for various expenses related to the Halloween event; and authorizing the receipt of revenues derived from admission fees and donations.

A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Scott, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. [11205](#) Discussion Item: Hosting Community Meetings and Topics for Discussion

Discussion involved if these type of meetings should be held, if would be a regular PSRB meeting or a special community meeting, be topically-based or geographically-based, location of meetings, etc. Several topics were proposed: 911 Center, traffic issues (photo radar, banning cell phones while driving, passing in residential areas), EMS, violence in specific areas. However, this body is only an advisory one and topics such as violence in a specific geographic area is the responsibility of the affected police district to address. PSRB is not a body to receive complaints - would need to be clear beforehand what the goals and purposes of meetings are. They should not just be a police-focused meeting, but one of public safety (police and fire). Board would need to decide if these were to be Information-sharing or Information-gathering meetings. The area alder, mayor, and police and fire chiefs would be representative attendance. These need to be brought in early and broad public notice made to make the meetings successful (utilize neighborhood associations?). Meeting sites could be district police stations, fire stations, or libraries. Larry Pasha stated that this is a citizen committee and input is needed from citizens so that the committee becomes more visible to public. Joel Plant asked the PSRB to work up a proposal, involving alders, mayor and fire/police chiefs and then take that to the community for input. This will be placed on the October meeting agenda for further discussion and clarification.

5. [11208](#) Discussion Item: Concept of a PSRB Newsletter.

Pasha stated that this would be used for information and education as a means of communication. He would coordinate it and it would be published via email as a one page document. Various PSRB members could write articles. Will be placed on October meeting agenda for further discussion.

6. [11957](#) Discussion Item: Interactions between Madison Police Department and Madison Fire Department (example: ride-alongs, station visits, etc.)

Joel Plant said that ALRC members actually do a police ride-along, late night past bar time and find it a whole new world. Other ride-alongs suggested for education and enlightenment are with Union Cab and delivery services (e.g., pizza); or to Huber Center, Detox, and Jail. Could be done as group or individual function. More discussion to follow.

ADJOURNMENT

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