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Meeting Minutes - Draft PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

5:00 PM Madison Police Department - Central District Community
Room
211 South Carroll Street

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

- Present:** 6 - Paul E. Skidmore; Merrilee Pickett; Sara E. Eskrich; Wayne S. Strong;
Bruce P. Frey and Chan M. Stroman
- Absent:** 3 - Maurice S. Cheeks; Ernest E. Horinek and John Strasser

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chan Stroman made a motion to approve the December 10, 2014 meeting minutes. Merrilee Pickett seconded the motion with an addition of language in the minutes to the Madison Police Department Gang Unit to reflect that information was requested on the evaluation and effectiveness of the Gang Unit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Rossing: Un-even playing field with Cab Companies and TNCs. Cab Companies are identifiable, local, accountable, and they don't red-line neighborhoods. They provide essential service for all and don't surge charge.

Justin LaPlante: Insurance issues when passengers use TNCs and when involved in an accident may not pay out to passenger for injuries sustained. Uber has no local affiliation with the police and they may not be professional licensed or committed to the community.

Christina Ballard: In the Cab company industry for twenty-years and stated that regulations exist for very good reasons with one serving vulnerable populations. There are no checks and balances and no official background check for TNCs. TNC drivers could have felony convictions. TNCs should be subject to the same rules as taxi-cabs and public transportation needs to be regulated.

Carla Jacobs: TNCs can track exact moment when driver is in vehicle. There are insurance policies that cover each driver and background checks completed.

Nick Anderson: Shared there are multi-state background checks for TNC drivers. There is the possibility of altercations or accidents with million trips a day. TNCs are used for big events to get people home safely. The average wait time is under five minutes in every part of the City. There is a requirement for a million dollar insurance policy for TNC drivers.

Jason Glomp: With a new start-up business, TNCs have a billion dollar evaluation of the company and it is because they are passing costs onto drivers. Shared names of several insurance policy carrier's that have dropped TNCs from having personal auto policies. TNC's are a public safety issue to City of Madison residents.

Adam Chern: Twenty-one year veteran cab driver. TNCs surge charge with events in Madison with the market demand to make quick money. TNC drivers do not obey laws with picking up or dropping off passengers such as on State Street and other areas. Madison Police can count on assistance from local cab companies.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals

1. [34016](#) A SUBSTITUTE Amending Sections 11.06(2)(a)2., 11.06(3), (4)(a) & (b), (5)(a), (7)(a), creating Sec. 11.06(7)(b), renumbering Secs. 11.06(7)(b) through (m) to Sec. 11.06(7)(c) through (7)(n), creating Sec. 11.06(7)(e)3., renumbering Secs. 11.06(7)(e)3. and 4. to Secs. 11.06(7)(e)4. and 5., amending Secs. 11.06(7)(f)1., 5. and 6., (8), (9), (10)(a)2., creating Sec. 11.06(10)(c), renumbering Secs. 10.06(10)(c) through (g) to Secs. 11.06(10)(d) through (h), amending Secs. 11.06(10)(d)1. and (10)(f) of the Madison General Ordinances to permit the business of and outline the licensing requirements for Transportation Network Companies operating in the City of Madison.

Attachments: [Substitute Body](#)
[Alternate Body](#)
[Version 1](#)
[LYFT letter dated 9/22/14](#)
[Major taxicab requirements-current MGO](#)
[TPC Taxi Subcommittee Final Recommendations Nov 2014](#)

A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Frey, to adopt the alternate ordinance. Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s) to the TRANSIT AND PARKING COMMISSION,. The motion failed by the following vote:

Absent: 3 - Maurice S. Cheeks; Ernest E. Horinek and John Strasser

Ayes: 2 - Paul E. Skidmore and Bruce P. Frey

Abstentions: 4 - Merrilee Pickett; Sara E. Eskrich; Wayne S. Strong and Chan M. Stroman

NEW BUSINESS

2. [36793](#) PSRC Agenda Order - Alder Skidmore

It was suggested from Alder Skidmore that the order of the agenda is changed to have reports placed at the front of the agenda with other agenda related items placed at the end. The committee had no concerns with the proposed change.

REPORTS

3. [36801](#) School Safety Subcommittee composition and work plan - Chan Stroman

Chan Stroman shared that she is interested in developing a school safety subcommittee with a limited work plan on certain topics and issues as necessary. The sub-committee would discuss information and topics on school safety and share the recommendations to PSRC or larger committee. Merrilee Pickett and Wayne Strong have indicated that they would like to be involved in the subcommittee along with Chan. There will also be designees as assigned from the Madison Police and Fire Department.

4. [36798](#) 2015 PSRC Agenda Items

The committee shared items that they would like to see on the agenda in 2015. Two items were suggested: Police and Fire repeat offenders and the Nuisance Action Ordinance to be shared from Assistant City Attorney Zilavy.

5. Report from Madison Police Department - Captain Ackeret

Information from Captain Ackeret was shared on the City-County Building (CCB) safety concerns. A ban process will be used similar to what the Central Library has done. JBM security is working after hours and weekends. Captain Gloede from the Central District is working with his officers with the liaison committee. He then shared an update on the recent shots fired incidents in which he shared he believes they are all related. Contacts and arrests have been made with these. Alder Skidmore requested ban and statistic numbers on the CCB incidents. A handout was distributed on the Madison Police organizational chart. He mentioned that a third Assistant Chief was added who will be in charge of Support Services.

6. Report from the Madison Fire Department - Assistant Chief Langer

Information from Assistant Chief Langer sharing the strategic plan is complete and Fire Chief Davis will share during the February PSRC meeting. Reported there were sixteen retirements. There were 29,000 plus calls for service in 2014 which doubles the numbers when you have two vehicles going to the calls, this was a 5,000 increase in calls for service from 2013. Alder Skidmore requested that data on repeat offenders is also shared from Fire as well.

7. Alder Report

Nothing to report at this time.

COMMITTEE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Alder Skidmore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Merrilee Pickett seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.