



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Amended PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE

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Thursday, November 5, 2015

5:00 PM

Madison Police Department  
Community Room  
211 South Carroll Street

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Paul E. Skidmore; Merrilee Pickett; Ernest E. Horinek; Bruce P. Frey and Debra F. Julian

**Absent:** 3 - Maurice S. Cheeks; Dena M. Carreyn and Barbara Harrington-McKinney

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alder Skidmore made a motion to approve the September 10, 2015 meeting minutes. Bruce Frey seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Gregory Gelembiak  
Madison, WI  
Opposes agenda item #40102.

Mr. Gelembiak shared with the committee that there is a need to capture more data, have more community input, and there should be outreach to those with disabilities.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

### REPORTS

1. [40682](#) Report from Alders

Alder Skidmore made a motion to rearrange the agenda to move item #40102 to number one on the agenda. Bruce Frey Seconded. This was unanimously approved.

Alder Skidmore reported there has been an uptick with vehicle break-ins in the Tamarack neighborhood. There was a recent Tamarack neighborhood meeting regarding this and Officer Frank attended.

2. [40683](#) Report from the Madison Fire Department - Assistant Chief Laurenzi

Assistant Fire Chief Laurenzi distributed handouts on the fire department's

responses per month comparing 2014 and 2015 and also on the department responses by incident type.

Merrilee Pickett inquired about mental health intervention and Emergency Medical Services. Chief Laurenzi shared that the department is coordinating with the police and health department on high frequency areas to see if it can affect change with the calls for service. They are also partnering with UW Health with Public Health assisting on a care program. She last mentioned they are also partnering with UW hospitals with geriatrics to reduce the number of re-admissions. Deb Julian requested if the repeat user numbers could be shared at a future meeting. She would like to know who those top users are that have repeated calls for service and see if there are other interventions to help them get the services they need.

3. [40686](#) Report from the Madison Police Department

Captain Roman from the Madison Police Department shared the police department is undergoing shift picks for 2016.

She indicated that Freakfest was successful and there were minimal arrests during this year's event. There is an after-action report that could be shared with the committee when it is complete.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. [40102](#) Accepting the report and recommendations from the Community Policing and Body Camera Ad Hoc Committee.

**Attachments:** [Community Policing and Body Camera Ad Hoc Committee Final Report.pdf](#)  
[111715 Body Worn Video Council presentation.pdf](#)

The City contracted with the YWCA who collaborated with Jacquelyn Boggess from the Center of Family Policy and Practice. Ms. Boggess met with various marginalized communities to get their honest feedback regarding body worn cameras. She shared a presentation to the committee on the feedback that was received from the forums.

The community forums involved around 175-200 individuals. The overwhelming number one response from the forums was there is no strong feeling or detailed argument in favor of police officers wearing body worn cameras. There was never mention in the forum that there should be cameras. The direct concerns of an officer wearing a camera would be the manipulation of the camera, general false security, and privacy. The forums wanted to talk most about the police and community relationships. There was also support for police and their work and they were not demonizing the police, but that the community essentially has a "mess". The final conclusion was that the policy would not improve the chances of residence safety.

Alder Skidmore made a motion to accept the Community Policing and Body Camera Ad Hoc Committee Executive Summary Report. Deb Julian seconded the motion. The committee unanimously voted in favor of accepting the report.

There was discussion from the committee on use of police force, the public's

knowledge on how/when the cameras would be used, the need for more data, how much data would it take to come to a decision, and outcomes from meetings.

There was a second motion from Alder Skidmore seconded by Bruce Frey to recommend to Council to proceed on a pilot project on body worn cameras.

Alder Skidmore indicated that he supports a pilot project. He felt that there is sufficient information for a pilot although he expressed his concerns with storing the data, the money involved with using body cameras, and the privacy with use of camera protocols. With a pilot he shared it will allow the city to get an idea of what it is going to take if it were implemented city-wide.

Deb Julian expressed body cameras should be secondary as there are community issues that need to be addressed. She does not support a pilot and feels there are other efforts within the city that could be used with the money such as with community relations, mental health, and homeless.

Bruce Frey shared body cameras are not going to solve community relations. He mentioned the use of body cameras are becoming a national trend and that the UW and other jurisdictions around Madison are using them. He supports the use of a pilot so that the police department can look at the issues closely and become educated on how they would adapt to the city.

Merrilee Pickett shared that she sees both sides. Good for the police and good for communities.

A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Frey, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

**Absent:** 3 - Maurice S. Cheeks; Dena M. Carreyn and Barbara Harrington-McKinney

**Ayes:** 3 - Paul E. Skidmore; Ernest E. Horinek and Bruce P. Frey

**Noes:** 1 - Debra F. Julian

**Abstentions:** 1 - Merrilee Pickett

5. [40520](#) Accepting Nominations for the 2015 Jeffrey Clay Erlanger Award

**Attachments:** [erlanger info with app 2015.pdf](#)

The PSRC reviewed the 2015 Jeffrey Clay Erlanger Award nominations criteria.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. [40065](#) Designated Park Areas - Deb Julian

Deb Julian as a follow-up shared what she found out regarding the ability to call an area a park. She mentioned the State Statute and the hoops that would need to occur to have an area be named a park. In the case of the top of State Street to name the area a park would not be prudent. Alder Skidmore

indicated that he continues to be interested in this topic and there are other potential options. He has been working with the City Attorney's Office and the Parks Department on this and will continue to be involved.

**NEXT MEETING**

Deb Julian inquired with setting a date for the next PSRC meeting. Emily Hardiman indicated that the next PSRC meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 8th at 5:00p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Bruce Frey made a motion for adjournment. Deb Julian seconded the motion.