



City of Madison

Meeting Minutes - Final

PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW BOARD

City of Madison
Madison, WI 53703
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Tuesday, August 14, 2007

5:00 PM Room LL110 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

CALL TO ORDER

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Bell. The motion passed by acclamation.

Present: Paul E. Skidmore, Eli Judge, Larry Pasha, Tyrone W. Bell, Terry E. Moen and Amy R. Smith

Excused: Michael S. Scott and Adam G. Lichtenheld

ROLL CALL

Present: Paul E. Skidmore, Eli Judge, Larry Pasha, Tyrone W. Bell, Terry E. Moen and Amy R. Smith

Excused: Michael S. Scott and Adam G. Lichtenheld

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 10, 207 minutes unanimously approved on motion by Smith, seconded by Bell.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

[04272](#)

SECOND SUBSTITUTE - Creating Section 12.792 entitled "Neighborhood Electric Vehicles Allowed" to permit and regulate the operation of such vehicles on Madison streets and amending Section 1.08(3)(a) to establish a bail deposit amount for violations of the section.

A motion was made by Judge, seconded by Smith, to Refer to the PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW BOARD Item referred to future meeting. Alders Clear, Judge and Skidmore want time to work out revisions. The motion passed by acclamation.

[06578](#)

To adopt and confirm amendments to the Madison General Ordinances as set forth in attached Exhibit A pursuant to Sec. 66.0103, Wis. Stats.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Judge, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS - REPORT OF OFFICER Changes in the Fire Code. Smith moved acceptance for discussion purposes, seconded by Judge. Fire Marshall Ed Ruckriegel gave a brief overview of the changes. Most of the new changes in the code fall under changes in the authority of the Fire Chief, fee changes, authority to abate hazards, authority to vacate. Pasha questioned the vagueness of 34.41 and resistance to fire fighter. What defines resistance? There was discussion of the minutia of the changes but only one ended up being a major issue for the PSRB members. That was Section 34.40 giving authority to the mayor, chief, deputy chief, assistant chief, any captain or lieutenant of the Fire Department or the chief of police or any police officer or any councilman to require a bystander to provide aid as necessary at a fire. There was discussion on language changes. Smith accepted a friendly amendment to use the term commissioned officer rather than uniformed officer to encompass all firefighters and police officers. We would like councilmen removed, we do not know if there legal necessity for the mayor to claim the authority. With friendly amendment the motion was passed unanimously. The motion passed by acclamation.

Dates for September and October Meetings

This was delayed until we had more information on conflicts. We will work with Anita Perrett on this item.

Fire Department Report

This was initially postponed until the arrival of Assistant Chief Kieken. Upon his arrival, he gave us a brief update on Fire Department activities. He said they were currently interviewing 60 candidates for 12 positions in the department. The number of fires seems to be up this year compared to last. In 2006 we had 148 fires, as of August 1st we already have 113. There was a discussion of the Ogg Hall exercises. Kieken stressed how important it was to have real high-rise experience in fighting this type of fire. The tactics are different and stresses are greater than the low rise residential and commercial fires usually fought. Kieken said that the sketches for Station 12 were in.

Minority Traffic Stops Update

Captain Cam McLay gave us an overview of the traffic stop data. Again we only had limited data given to us in advance, just the 2006 data. We asked for all of the past data and reports to be sent to committee members. Captain McLay spoke of the history, of the perception that minorities were stopped more frequently by police, especially for non-moving violations. There was a 1997 EOC group on race relations and a 1998 Police Department EOC report making recommendations. There had been no data collection on these stops in the past, a data card was developed, there were a series of meetings and forums throughout the city on this issue, there has been considerable training of all police officers on bias, especially unconscious bias, that retraining continues. Captain McLay spoke of DOJ racial profiling data; traffic summits and trying to address the economic factors that result in non-moving traffic stops. There was a discussion of operational decisions and how they drive racial disparities which are reflected in the data. Some PSRB members wanted more data and more of a drill down of the data presented. Pasha asked about the complaint process that was set up as a result of community involvement with this issue. Is it working? How many complaints have been received? Pasha led a discussion on the need

to have a dialog on race with the community and not to avoid it. He discussed these concerns in the context of the Meadowood community meeting and let us know there is another community meeting in about a month. We want to continue the discussion of this item with more data.

Standing Committee Reports

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Judge, seconded by Skidmore, to Adjourn. The motion passed by acclamation.