



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Draft PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

5:00 PM

Madison Police Department
City-County Building
Central Community Room (GR-22)
211 South Carroll Street

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Paul E. Skidmore; Maurice S. Cheeks; Merrilee Pickett; Ernest E. Horinek; Sara E. Eskrich; Dena M. Carreyn; John Strasser and Chan M. Stroman
Absent: 2 - Wayne S. Strong and Bruce P. Frey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Chan Stroman to approve the February 10, 2015 meeting minutes. Alder Skidmore seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Pastor
Deep concern
Difference between capital in 2011 in street with police officers, and yesterday at press conference and Willy Street
During uprising never doubted police there for protection
Felt unsafe in street Friday night, hardware on police
100 people for press conference with police hardware made me feel unsafe
When did we vote to add hardware? When did we vote to shoot to kill? Need trauma informed care training and mental health training.
Democracy compromised when not feeling safe protesting in streets
Expect resolution to create ways to look at these issues and have public dialogue
Implore to support resolutions that support our values

Sue Hoffenberg
Resident 23 years
Came to hear how city will be moving forward after killing
Want to say thank you to police for handling so professionally
Credit to Police Chief Koval
Suggestions: exigent circumstances can allow officers into house for domestic dispute- unless can verify dispute, send in two officers with body cameras

Lisa Payton-Caire
Resident in Fitchburg
Three African American sons, here as a mother of sons concerned about Friday
Prior to Friday, gravely concerned about
Good interactions with police forces all over community

Have had hostile and negative, profiled incidents with sons in past - concerned about safety and health
Stopped for operating vehicle legally and if they've, "been involved in robberies"
Stopped while walking and asked where going in hostile way
Also encountered positive
But disproportionately had string of experiences that can lead to volatile interactions
Express concern about training, cultural competence, neighborhood interaction, perception of experience that African American men approached with suspicion and racial profiling
Want accountability and dialogue and shared decision making

Carola Gaines

Resident of Fitchburg, but sons living in Madison experienced situations undeserving because of skin color
Mothers want justice, fair and equitable treatment of citizens, kids
And not perceived as criminals up front
Personal experience when son in HS, now college educated and coaching
Stopped because son looked like someone police were looking for
Need education - because need them to serve and protect community and young men, without perception that young black men presenting danger to community
Think about these things and challenge perceptions

Nichelle Nichols

Resident, native of Madison, mother of four black sons in same age group as Tony Robinson
Share heartfelt plea that as we see our community grapple with what has happened in our community, understand that parents are reeling -
Disparities impact all families and this incident has shaken many people
Parents are worried that could have been my kid
With no second chance, ability to examine later
No parent wants to believe that their kids, in a community like Madison where we have decent schools and proactive about getting issues onto the table, trying to figure out where we weigh in
Ready to move, setting up meetings to not allow another one of our kids to be taken in this community
Looking for suggestions as to where to weigh in, want to see something different for this generation, for this community

Shahatta McKinney Baldon

Resident of Madison for three years
Love this community, but afraid for my family
5th grader love in hockey and baseball
Represent large networks and want to engage in two way communication and shared decision making
Hope that you will support us and think strategically how voices will be best activated
Ready to mobilize others in community to do so as well

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

REPORTS

1. [37574](#) Report from the Madison Fire Department (Assistant Chief Langer)

Madison Assistant Fire Chief Langer

- 291 calls for service, 31 fires, 71 EMS, remainder rescue type response
- 7 structure fires totaling \$460,000 worth of fire loss
- Question: False alarms seemed high. Is that normal?
 - o Typical that majority of alarms are false

2. [37575](#) Report from the Madison Police Department (Captain Ackeret)

Madison Police Department, Captain Ackeret

Captain Wheeler joining us

- Oversees Investigative Services
 - Officer Zanders presented a few months ago
 - Evaluation of efforts question from committee member
 - o Was part of start of structure of gang unit - model of prevention, intervention, community intervention, and suppression (last intentionally)
 - o Talk more to gang members each day than make arrests
 - o Hard to evaluate what is prevented
 - When get information, talk to contacts at schools
 - Success is the trust that is built between kids and officers
 - If arrested by patrol officer, ask for gang officer and confess
 - Do home visits for kids having trouble, partner with social services and school district
 - o What can we do question - glad asked. There's a lot to do, but police can't solve societal issues
 - Don't have a lot of places to refer people to - JRC
 - Services are not there for some of these kids
 - Reentry jobs, housing, mental health services
 - Reducing recidivism can only happen when we can give people hope
 - Trauma Informed Care, their stories and history affect them, have to reach them early
 - SIU- focused deterrence, examine most frequent people committing crimes
- Questions**
- When gang unit building relationships in community, making home visits, are they in uniform or plain clothes?
 - o Plain clothes
 - Need for support for football teams in neighborhoods, may be someone to get in contact with
 - o Coach Assad, west district are connected with youth football program
 - o Partnering role for police and community
 - Gang unit and body cameras- building trust with gang members, how would addition of body cameras affect that trust?
 - o Likely not a good idea when trying to build trust with gang members
 - Big into evaluation, because problem seems to be getting bigger according to media perspective, but prompting question - looking for opinion on article on juvenile delinquency and gangs, said about 3% are actually dangerous, but the others are just kids who need direction, etc. If bottom line is that the

- people who suffer the most from gangs are young, African American youth?
- o Couldn't tell percentages
 - o Push SMART policing and targeting those causing the most issues
 - o When talking about suppression, try to target those who are clearly known as core group of the "hardcore people" who are doing the recruiting, but are influencing others to do work for them
 - o Evaluation is a frustration because some of the things that people want measures for you just can't evaluate, particularly success stories
 - Societal problems require robust web of partnerships, including the county. Wondering how strong the partnership is? Is that something to pursue more intentionally?
 - o Strong partnerships with school district and some with county
 - o But comes down to funding
 - There are good people, and people who are inefficient - question is, if the police department identifies something that could be done better if process changes, city debate over 911 comes to mind
 - o Partnerships between city and county, have seen successful partnerships (Public Health- narcotics unit partnerships), Madison Police and Sharif, some success and some head-butting, and some that haven't been attempted
 - This building itself is an example of partnerships not working well together
 - When egos are left at the door, better. When egos involved there are issues.
 - o Not trained as police to navigate social service web, so always say that could use case managers
 - Applying for grants, nonprofits, etc are world in itself and are bureaucracy in itself
 - Anything specifically that PSRC can help with?
 - o Getting the word out - It's too much money to incarcerate people. It's a lot cheaper to provide treatment, bus passes for jobs, etc. Need to keep people out of the system.
 - Desire for culturally competent, cultural literacy training
 - o Outside area of Captain Ackeret, went through training 28 years ago
 - o 3 In-services per year
 - o Management training through YWCA on racial disparities and race, about 4 hours, late last year
 - o Training in-house and elective training that officers can attend outside of Madison
 - o Pre-service, in-service, and elective training - request to be reported on next meeting
 - Suggestion of social worker to run triage in police station to refer people to all services in Madison, example from Los Angeles from committee member

3. [37576](#)

Report from Alders

Alder Cheeks

Encouraged to see council colleagues have urgency to deal with gang and gun related violence

- Conversations in next few days give hope that colleagues will continue to work with urgency on these issues- education, arrest policies, deferment policies
- Tough time to be part of the system, working hard to be part of the solution

Alder Strasser

No report

NEW BUSINESS

4. [37405](#) Amending Section 24.02 and 1.08(3)(a) of the Madison General Ordinances to include disorderly conduct involving telecommunication messages and establishing the bail deposit for said violation.

Attachments: [Body](#)

There was discussion and questions concerning the need and use of this ordinance. A motion was made by Stroman to return item 4 to the next PSRC meeting with a request to have a representative from the City Attorney Office available to answer questions on the need for the ordinance change and the history of this ordinance. Motioned was seconded by Cheeks and passed.

5. [37506](#) Accepting a Report of the Fire Chief on Cross Jurisdictional Dispatching.

Attachments: [Border Drop_davis-final_doc.pdf](#)

There was some discussion concerning the contents of the report, and some clarification that accepting delivery the report was not necessarily “accepting” the findings of the report.

Motion to accept was made by Strasser, second by Stroman. Motion to accept report was passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Strasser, second by Stroman, meeting was adjourned.