



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Draft PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

5:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 -

Paul E. Skidmore; Merrilee Pickett; Ernest E. Horinek; Wayne S. Strong;
Bruce P. Frey; John Strasser and Chan M. Stroman

Absent: 2 -

Maurice S. Cheeks and Matthew S. MacWilliams

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wayne Strong made a motion to approve the February 11, 2014 meeting minutes. Alder Skidmore seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. [32770](#) New Member Orientation - Merrilee Pickett

The committee discussed the new member orientation packet draft. Members suggested a few items that should be added to the draft such as:

*Items regarding the agenda such as who sets the agenda and ways of adding items to the agenda for discussion.

*Committee rules (i.e. Public hearing time limits such as a 3 or 5 minute limit for public speaking)

*Parking information

*Attendance policy

*Public records

*Advisory Committee (Alders can represent or develop ordinance or policy for committee members)

Member Pickett will make the suggested updates/changes to the draft orientation packet and will send to Emily Hardiman who will re-send back out to committee members prior to the next PSRC meeting to make additional revisions or to approve during the April PSRC meeting.

Chair Stroman distributed a resource list to committee member's that have several links that can be accessed by the internet.

2. [33342](#) School Safety Committee Composition and Membership

Chair Stroman indicated that she would like to find out the interest in members being on a school safety subcommittee. She said the subcommittee is subject to the same rules of committees with regard to members/quorums/minutes. The subcommittee would report back to the PSRC. Chair Stroman, Wayne Strong, and Merrilee Pickett indicated that they would like to be on the school subcommittee. It was decided since not all of the PSRC members were present during the meeting today that this agenda item would be placed on the April meeting to allow other members the opportunity to be on the subcommittee if they would like to. Members would vote on appointments at the April meeting.

REPORTS

3. Madison Fire Department - Assistant Chief Langer

Assistant Chief Langer reported that the Fire Department is going through a hiring process where there were over 1,800 applicants. He said by the time the written test takes place and the physical agility there will be around 250-300 applicants remaining where they will be interviewed and out of those they will be narrowed down to the Chief's interview. He then shared that Fire Station #13 will be complete sometime in the month of June. He ended by sharing that the department has began meeting on Rhythm and Boom's planning.

4. Madison Police Department - Captain Ackeret

Captain Ackeret responded to a few questions that member Pickett had regarding a national phenomenon called "pick em out knock em out" and also on the increase in calls for service in the Bettys/Theresa Terrace neighborhood. He responded by sharing a few years back there were a few incidents in the downtown area with "pick em out knock em out". He shared that patrol stepped up and made arrests and there have not been any recently however he did mention that patrol continues to see target robberies in the campus area where intoxicated students are being targeted and that a hot item is iphones. Captain Ackeret responded to the Bettys Lane/Theresa Terrace neighborhood as being a high call for service area mentioning that there has been a full time neighborhood officer assigned to that area and that the West district Community Policing Team is also involved along with the City's Neighborhood Resource Team. He also shared that the organization Today Not Tomorrow has been working with public education in this area and that the city purchased a building on Betty's Lane to tear down and rebuild a community center. Next, he mentioned that as the weather warms up there are planned initiatives in place with extra patrol at the Metro transfer points and parks. He said that there will be extra patrol and police on bikes increasing police visibility. He then mentioned the recruits will begin field training around the end of March and that they will become solo on June 22nd increasing

staffing by 35. He shared the city also purchased a church off of Mineral Point Rd. that will eventually be torn down and used for the new Mid-Town police station but for now he shared it will be used for training scenario purposes. He then mentioned the fleet's current in-car video is obsolete and that money in the budget will be shifted to begin to purchase new equipment. He said given the costs and that the Sheriff's office is also looking to replace theirs the two departments will order together to reduce costs ordering in large quantities. Last, he mentioned that depending on Council approval the department is looking to move the next academy class three weeks early. Given training requirements the recruits use a track for driving maneuvers which falls in December. He said over the years with the current timeline there is generally snow which makes it difficult for learning. He said if the timeline were moved this training scenario would then take place in October.

5. Report on the Dane County 911 Center Board - Alder Skidmore

Alder Skidmore had to leave the meeting early therefore there was not a report on the Dane County 911 Center during this meeting.

6. Report from Alders

Alder Strasser shared that Council is beginning to open up negotiations with annexing with the Town of Madison which is earlier than originally thought but there has value in it than waiting until a later date. He said this is in the beginning stages and will continue to update as time moves on. He also shared that there is a free rideshare program in the Madison area where people can arrange a ride from their smart phone in exchange for a gratuity. These vehicles have pink mustaches on them and that they are used in other cities. He said that a representative from the service will be attending the Parking/Transit Committee and that he intends to go to the meeting and request the representative to come and share information at PSRC.

FUTURE COMMITTEE WORK

Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Zilavy is being requested to attend the April PSRC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Wayne Strong made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alder Strasser seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.