



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, January 9, 2019

5:00 PM Madison Police Department Central Community Room  
211 South Carroll Street, Room Gr-27  
City-County Building

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 - Paul E. Skidmore; Ledell Zellers; Debra F. Julian; Sara J. Petzold; Syed (John) Mustajab Abbas; Margaret Anderson; Gideon W. Amoah and Charles Myadze

**Absent:** 2 - Mary T. Anglim and Barbara Harrington-McKinney

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mustajab Abbas made a motion to approve the January 9, 2018 PSRC minutes. Petzold seconded the minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

53956

Karen Reece  
2116 Post Rd.  
Madison, WI 53713

Supports item number 53956. See information shared in item number 53956.

54278

Robert Kaiser  
5 Cambridge Court  
Madison, WI 53717

Supports Law Enforcement on item number 54278. This is the third meeting Mr. Kaiser has attended regarding Housing First on Tree Lane to voice his concerns. He lives in the neighborhood for the last 31 years and is concerned about safety indicating when the complexes was established Heartland did not consider safety considerations in the neighborhood. The calls for police service has went up dramatically. Prior to the complexes there were approximately 6 police calls for service over 18 months now there have been over 650 calls for service in the last 6 months. Stores in which he used to walk to in the neighborhood and enjoyed to walk to he does not any longer for the fear of safety. There have been drones used on the property and squad cars are parked in driveways. He said the neighborhood is being terrorized and he wants something done about it. He does not feel safe.

John Odom

309 Sauk Creek Drive  
Madison, WI 53717

Neither Supports Nor Opposes item number 54278. Mr. Odom is concerned with the Tree Lane Apartments and the lack of security. He indicated the building is too large for the strip it is on with no room for growth for those to learn, work, or play on the property. There are planning issues that need to be resolved. He mentioned 7941 Tree Lane, a brick building in between that is in the works for seniors but he believes it would be better use for a community center and a place for children to grow and develop.

Helen Kitchel  
225 Potter Street  
Madison, WI

Neither Supports Nor Opposes item number 54278. No comments.

Aviva Meridian Kaiser  
5 Crossbridge Court  
Madison, WI 53717

No information checked on registration.

## DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

1. [53956](#) Accepting the final report and recommendations from the Task Force on Equity in Music and Entertainment.  
**Attachments:** [11/28/2018 Final Report: Task Force on Equity in Music & Entertainment.pdf](#)  
[Resolution 44003.pdf](#)  
[Registration Statements ITEM E.2. TPPB 1.19.pdf](#)

Karen Reece President of the Urban Community Arts Network and Chair of the City of Madison's Task Force on Equity in Music and Entertainment attended PSRC to share information on the Task Force and to answer questions. Reece asked the committee to take into consideration the comments/recommendations when voting in the interest of equity. Although the Task Force has other music venues that it has looked into such as Latin or Jazz the Task Force is more focused on Hip-hop events to address equity issues. There was a question on whether the Police Department has been involved with the Task Force. It was shared the Captain that was previously on the Task Force retired and there has not been a replacement. It was suggested a representative from the Police Department be on the committee.

Alder Zellers would like to move to accept the report and not adopt. Alder Zellers read the difference in accepting the report and adopting. By accepting the report, it means the council agrees with the report however, at this time there are too many unknowns on costs and implementation. Alder Skidmore seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to accept the report.

## NEW BUSINESS

2. [54278](#) Committee discussion on Housing First on Tree Lane

Captain Nelson and Patton attended the meeting from the Madison Police Department sharing a powerpoint on the number of calls for service to the Tree Lane Housing First apartment complex buildings. They went over pro-active and re-active calls for service. Calls for service to the housing complex have went up significantly since the opening of the housing complex. The Mayor's Office and a number of non-profit and city agencies are involved to assist with the problems occurring at the complex. Traffic Engineering is working on parking issues. Traffic Engineering will be invited to the February PSRC meeting to talk about their response and recommendations with the overabundance of vehicles and parking in the area of Tree Lane. MPI security firm was hired to monitor tenants and guests who come and go throughout the day/night. Currently the YWCA is working with families on site to give assistance with needs. There will be other not-for profit organizations to support the families and Deputy Mayor Reye's asked that as a city we need to support the Housing First as 80 percent of families are doing good. There are areas for improvements with safety and resources that are in the works. A resolution is going before the Board of Finance to allocate city money to assist with funding private security to have more security guards and around the clock 24/7. Heartland is also willing to fund money for security. Alder Skidmore requested the Madison Police are involved with security and that information is shared on safety/security measures. A suggestion was to invite Heartland to the February PSRC meeting to hear about their thoughts and plans for safety. Another suggestion for the committee to learn more on homeless services is to invite Jim Okeefe from City of Madison Housing. Housing First on Tree Lane will be on the February PSRC agenda to discuss further.

## REPORTS

3. [54275](#) Report from the Madison Police Department

**Attachments:** [Madison Police Department Information from January 9, 2019.pdf](#)

Captain Bach shared information from the attachment.

4. [54276](#) Report from the Madison Fire Department

**Attachments:** [Madison Fire Department Information from January 9, 2019.pdf](#)

Assistant Fire Chief Christenson shared information from the attachment.

5. [54277](#) Report from Alders

Alder Skidmore indicated his report was regarding Tree Lane. There were no other Alders present to report.

**NEXT MEETING**

February 13, 2019

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Alder Skidmore made a motion to adjourn. Anderson seconded the motion.  
The committee unanimously agreed.**