



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE

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Thursday, May 17, 2012

5:00 PM

Madison Police Department Training Facility  
5702 Femrite Drive

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Others present –  
Captain Lengfeld, Snyder, and Wahl from the Madison Police Department,  
Division Chief Kinkade from the Madison Fire Department and George Hank  
from City of Madison Building Inspection.

### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 -  
Paul E. Skidmore; Jill Johnson; Merrilee Pickett; David K. Dison; Ryan M.  
Jennissen; Maurice S. Cheeks and Chan M. Stroman

**Absent:** 1 -  
Ernest E. Horinek

**Excused:** 1 -  
Matthew J. Phair

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alder Skidmore made a motion to approve the April 12th, 2012 PSRC meeting minutes. Ryan Jennissen seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. [25496](#) SUBSTITUTE Amending Section 27.04(2)(k)4. of the Madison General Ordinances to require monthly notification only if an e-mail address has been provided, it removes the requirement that the Police and Fire Department notify landlords of calls.

Attachments: [Version 1](#)

Alder Skidmore shared that both Captain Wahl from the Madison Police Department and George Hank from City of Madison Building Inspection are proponents of the ordinance and are present at the meeting who can speak on it. He also shared that Ed Ruckriegel from the Madison Fire Department is also

a representative however is not present at this meeting although Chief Popovich may be able to share information. Skidmore began by sharing that the request came to him for sponsorship from Police and Fire staff to modify the ordinance to remove the requirement that police and fire departments notify landlords of calls for service on a monthly basis. He said that there wasn't a fiscal note attached to the ordinance when it was passed and that the recording requirement would be very expensive and difficult to maintain. He shared that at the housing committee this was also discussed which determined that this needed more work. He then said that the thought was that this ordinance would not go into effect because there isn't a mechanism to complete the reporting and that a subgroup would be put together with other Alders and stakeholders that would come up with a compromise that would work for everybody. Captain Wahl shared that when this ordinance was first introduced it started as a larger ordinance which was an attempt for property owners to provide contact numbers to the police department for emergency purposes. He said near the end of the process the reporting requirements were added which was unannounced to the police department. He said when reading the ordinance later understanding the reporting requirements which was unannounced as well said that that it those requirements which are not workable for a variety of reasons such as resources. He said it would take at least three to four full-time staff members to gather information. He said that we are willing to work with the industry with police records staff for reporting that works for everybody but as the ordinance is written it would not be feasible. Chief Popovich from the Fire Department shared that they respond to more than 25,000 calls per year and that it would take at least one full time person to redact the information from the incident reports to be released to the public. He shared that generally a landlord is contacted when an incident occurs at their location depending on the situation. He shared that the Fire Department is not in favor of how the ordinance is written. George Hank from Madison Building Inspection shared that when the ordinance was originally passed nobody envisioned all the manual labor it would take to come up with the reports to share. He said originally it was thought that the police officer responding would be able to share the report by e-mail with the landlord however it morphed into a very onerous requirement. Alder Skidmore recommended that this ordinance is referred indefinitely until a sub group is established. He said he would work with the other Alders who are involved to formally report back. Also, they would work with Police, Fire, and the City Attorney's office and then bring it back for review and then forward onto the Council.

Alder Skidmore made a motion to refer indefinitely until a sub group can be formed to come up with a recommendation. David Dison seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved.

## PRESENTATIONS

2. [26398](#) Presentation from Mark Woulf, City of Madison Alcohol Policy Coordinator on the Alcohol License Density Plan.

Mark Woulf had to cancel his presentation until the June PSRC meeting. Alder Johnson made a motion to refer to the June meeting. Maurice Cheeks seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously.

REPORTS

3. [26399](#) Report from the Madison Fire Department

Chief Kincaid shared a little information on the Hovde project indicating that a number of meetings have taken place on the project. He said it involves a fourteen story structure very close to the area of Fire Station #1. He said it would move the Fire Department Administration Building to the third floor of the new building with the demolition of the old building. There would also be a remodel of Station #1 at some point. He said it continues to move through a number of committees when he shared with the group the architectural drawings of the buildings. Next, he shared information on Station #13. He said that design has began with Zimmerman Architects with money being allocated out of the 2012 budget for the architectural end of it with looking for additional funding for the station in the capital budget in 2013. Although he mentioned recently that the Mayor shared that all agencies will need to reduce their budget by twenty-percent less than last year. Next, he said that they have an upcoming hiring process in which they are looking at a class size anywhere from twelve to twenty-five. He mentioned a grant that has been applied for to fund staff for station #13. He said if the grant comes through they would be closer to the 20-25 number. He then mentioned the ride along program and that it is on hold right now as he is working with the City Risk Manager and Attorney's Office on the future of the program. He then shared information on the Mifflin Street event. He said on that day they went on 48 runs out of Station #1 during a 24 hour period. Lastly, he mentioned something the fire department is looking at down the road and that is Emergency Medical Service (EMS) with UW hospital considering building a facility on the far Eastside. He said that could affect the Fire Department's operations on the north and east side in the future with getting rigs back in service in a fast manner by having another facility like the one towards Sun Prairie.

4. [26400](#) Report from the Madison Police Department

Captain Lengfeld from the Madison Police Department shared that there was a press conference on May 17th to talk about the recent uptick in shootings that the City is experiencing right now. He said that a plan is in place with extra officers available to go into neighborhoods if need be. He then said that the police department is establishing intelligence and a plan.

Next, he shared that an academy begins with eighteen recruits at the end of May and that they will be patrol ready by February of 2013. He then mentioned that Captain Snyder from Personnel and Training will share an update regarding the new training facility. Captain Snyder began by saying that the doors officially opened on January 3rd, 2012 and that since then there have been 17 different law enforcement agencies that have contracted to complete their in-service training at the facility. He said that doesn't include all the various agencies that have sent officers to the facility for specialized training that MPD has held. He said together there has been a total of about 67 agencies that have been at the facility which is pretty significant and more than expected. He said the word is getting out there. He said that commitment was made to the council that the facility would generate \$60,000 in revenue in 2012 when he said as of last week there is over \$50,000. He said that they are on track to meet that and will break that. He shared that there is more work to be done with the rest of the building to be finished with construction beginning in

October with money that has been approved by the Council and are capital funds however he mentioned there is not enough money to finish the building. He said that they have tried to raise money on their own with having cyber safety presentations. There has also been fund raising done which he said that EPIC donated \$10,000 and that MG&E is going to donate \$7,500. He said this money will be used a state of art computer room. He also made mention that that they have applied for some grants as well. He then shared a little about training indicating that the core functions are recruitment and hiring of new police officers, the promotional process, research and development, and specialized training which is something new to the department. He mentioned that the staff has remained the same and that this is something that would need to be looked at to keep going as there are five instructors. He then shared a layout of the floor plan and explained in detail what areas are already completed and what still needs to be developed. He mentioned a state of the art computer facility and an auditorium that would have 150 seats that would be in Phase II. He said that they have been approached by several agencies from the state where they would like to host conferences and training seminars. For 2013 he said one of the commitments made to the Council is that they would like to double the revenue generated in 2012. He said that would be reasonable and the mark could be hit but only if there is an auditorium. He said what he likes about the auditorium is that there is a divider so that it can be changed to two classrooms as well and it would be used for the swearing in ceremony, graduation, community groups and other city agencies as well. He shared that there are phases of completion and that with phase 2 that some of the money has been allocated from the Council. On June 12th they will introduce a capital budget resolution amendment for the completion of the facility. He indicated that Mayor Soglin supports going forward with the resolution and that would go to the Board of Estimates on June 25th and would come back to the Council on July 3rd for a vote. Further he mentioned the parking lot when the facility was first bought was in a bad state. He said that not only is it in a bad state there also needs to be expansion to fit in the number of vehicles that have reached up to 120 cars in a lot that only holds 80 were people park on the grass. The resolution will also include the parking lot as well and that the parking lot will be done in two phases with city engineering assisting on some of it. Alder Johnson inquired what the cost would be for the completion in which Captain Snyder said that he doesn't have hard numbers at this point although he said that he has estimates. He said he met with the architect going over the design development and they are looking at approximately 875,000 with the parking lot and to finish the construction.

Alder Skidmore inquired on the Mifflin Street event. Captain Snyder who was commander for the event mentioned that there were less people attending the event, however, for every arrest that was made he shared there could have been five more. He shared that it got to the point that the arrest processing center was so backed up that they only started to issue one citation because they couldn't keep up with the volume even though there could have been multiple tickets written for the offenses occurring. He said this was the same at the transport area when people were arrested as it was so backed up citations were written at the location instead of being transported and letting them go. At a couple of times he mentioned there were bottles that were thrown at the officers and chants were starting although he said the officers held down the street which made a difference. He said once people start pouring in the street people begin to feel empowered and that is when they start doing things that they wouldn't ordinarily do. He said with the pre work

done such as media, neighborhood visits, and the planning ahead of time helped immensely.

#### COMMITTEE REPORT

5. [26397](#) Report from Alder Skidmore on the Dane County 911 Center

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Alder Skidmore reported that a Dane County 911 Board meeting was just held May 16th. He said the Danecom radio project upgrade which is required by the FCC was the discussion at hand during the meeting. He said that they still don't have the waiver to extend for one year which is needed and they don't have the radio frequencies to operate the system. He said he feels like they are moving backwards in the construction with the upgrade in towers that are needed. He mentioned there is an intergovernmental agreement that needs to be signed with various agencies to get the frequencies needed. He said there was a lot of discussion and questions from the center board committee members and although there were good answers given there was concern whether the consultant was going to be able to produce. He said the pressure is mounting. He mentioned that he asked the consultant to attend the meeting in July to give a presentation and share where everything is at. He then mentioned the computer aided dispatch project which is another large project to upgrade the system. He said the county has made a commitment and the contractor who is doing it called Tritech has indicated to the county that they are not doing the project anymore as they won't be able to deliver. However, since the county asked for it and they agreed to provide the county is in negotiations for liquidated damages and revised completion schedule. He then shared there is a 2.3.3 policy which is called the catalog of services. He said the City of Madison had a contract with the county which outlined what the county would provide in terms of dispatch such as parking complaints. He said this is something that has been routinely done by the county and now with the budget crunch the county would like to have the services ala carte and charge the city. He said that policy is going to be taken up again and that Lieutenant Strasburg from the Madison Police Department is going to be leading that effort. He said that there was also a request from the town of Deerfield who wants to contract with Ryan Brothers to provide EMS services to the township rather than contracting with the public agency. He said that requires approval and waivers from the Dane County 911 Board and that it has been referred to a committee in which there will be significant discussion. Last, he said that the meetings are open to the public and that the next meeting will be held in June and that they are on the third Wednesday of the month at 1pm.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Cheeks made a motion to adjourn. David Dison seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved.

#### TOUR OF MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING FACILITY