



City of Madison
Meeting Minutes - Final
PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW BOARD

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Tuesday, June 12, 2007

5:00 PM

Room LL 110, Madison Municipal Building

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM by Chair Moen

ROLL CALL

Present: Paul E. Skidmore, Eli Judge, Tyrone W. Bell, Michael S. Scott, Terry E. Moen
and Amy R. Smith

Absent: Adam G. Lichtenheld

Excused: Larry Pasha

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes unanimously approved on motion by Scott, seconded by Judge.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

City Planning/Environmental Design (Brad Murphy)

Mike Scott distributed a handout detailing some "Strategies of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)" suggestions such as "Natural Surveillance," "Maintenance," etc. These are basic principles and the concept has been around for quite some time. These measures make the design of a school, road, home, apartment building, etc. one that incorporates elements which help to reduce crime. Overland Park, KS actually passed an ordinance of Burglary Prevention codes which has intrusion prevention measures built into it. These specifications must be met by builders. A good example of where Madison missed such an opportunity is in the recently remodeled State Street area. If arm rests had been added to seats, it would have assured that the structure was used only for sitting as designated and not for sleeping. PSRB members want to know how, either by regulation or review process, these concepts can be incorporated into plans prior to finalization. Both Police and Fire Departments need to be involved. Brad Murphy (City Planning) expressed that we first need to identify which parts of the process Police and Fire are involved in and if sufficient training of their staff has occurred so that they have the knowledge to accurately impact projects. The first step would be to review the current process to see if needs are being met and then fill any gaps discovered. All proposals are already given to multiple departments (including police and fire) for their input and they need final approval by the Planning Commission and Common Council. All the comments/input from other agencies goes back to Planning and they then write a summary of recommendations, comments etc. which may become part of the conditions of approval. This all occurs before a permit is granted to proceed with work. The Fire Department comments on virtually all projects; the Police Department only on occasion. A Development Assistance Team meets every Thursday and both fire and police staff are part of the group. Fire actually conducted training for others so they could understand and appreciate the requirements Fire was proposing. Perhaps Police could do likewise? PSRB wondered if the CPTED points could be made part of the approval process, thus putting the onus on the proposer to incorporate these safety measures. This is not a police responsibility but a planning one. However, police will be the ones to deal with problems which may result later on. Perhaps an ordinance is needed, or a "guidebook" for developers to incorporate into the city approval process. The idea is to make public safety and crime prevention part of the integral design. Would be a good start to put builders "on notice" up front that they will need to be looking at these areas. Mary Anne Thurber is the Police representative and Scott Strasbur and Bill Sullivan are Fire Department representatives in the City Planning Process. This will likely continue to be an item of discussion.

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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 Skidmore, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS - REPORT OF OFFICER Captain McLay of the Police Department explained that these vehicles are basically golf carts which have been beefed up with seat belts, lights etc. to meet minimal requirements for street use. After driving one on Johnson Street, he found/felt them to leave one very vulnerable since they are highly fragile. State Statute regulations on authorization of their use is vague. Their top speed is about 22-23 mph, and were designed for use within residential neighborhoods. Police have worked out a compromise to allow on roads up to 30 mph with NEV routes designated (where the speed limit exceeds this but a needed arterial road to get from one area to another). The price range of these is from about \$10,000 to the cost for a small economy car (depending on how "deluxe" the electric vehicle is). Police do not anticipate a great number of these but those who have them (UW) or want to buy one, want to be able to legally use them on Madison streets. Ecologically they are great but feel they would be used in lieu of a bike or moped and not in lieu of a car. Police support is ambivalent due to safety concerns. Smith asked if we should do it (legalize) just because we can when the safety issues and probable angry car drivers who get stuck behind one, are so great. A motion was made and seconded to approve to allow for discussion. Adding a sunset clause was suggested but not decided on. Scott made a friendly amendment to the original movement that these vehicles be kept on streets of 25 mph period, and this was accepted as part of the PSRB recommendation. The ordinance had earlier been reviewed and approved by the PBMVC. The motion passed by the following vote:

Absent: Lichtenheld

Excused: Pasha

Aye: Skidmore, Judge, Scott and Moen

No: Bell and Smith

Fire Department Report

A/C Keiken reported that the PFC (Police & Fire Commission) is looking at changing the way disciplinary process for Fire is done - they are two proposals and both deal with arbitration but nothing is finalized yet. He then discussed the major points of the Fire Department 2006 Annual Report - accomplishments, things working to improve, statistics etc. The third item discussed was an ALS overview - a handout showed statistic by use of graphs. This involved paramedic EMS service in Dane County and works very well. It doesn't reduce or replace the Madison Fire Department doing their job however. Can't become dependent on ALS - still need to do their job. There is no billing for mutual aid if one jurisdiction comes into ant other to assist. Some areas may need more permanent staff - volunteers are great and make up some 80% of all emergency responders in Wisconsin, but they can't take the place in communities where funding needs to be dedicated to staffing for critical needs.

Overview: Police Strategic Planning Meeting

A/C Gaber gave a recap of the Police Strategic Planning meeting held 5/12. This involved multiple city agencies, citizens, outside agencies, etc. in an effort to gather input from without the department as well as from within. About 80 people were in attendance. Six topics were discussed: city growth, emergency preparedness, health and wellness, staffing, technology and trust-based policing. Each of these groups was headed by a captain and the May meeting was only the beginning. Meetings in each topic group will continue to take place with each presenting a draft plan by December. It is hoped that a final plan will be ready by March 2008 which will be shared with others, including the PSRB. Input is invited throughout this process.

Standing Committee Reports

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Scott, seconded by Skidmore, to Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM. The motion passed by the following vote:

Absent: Lichtenheld

Excused: Pasha

Aye: Skidmore, Judge, Bell, Scott, Moen and Smith