



City of Madison

Meeting Minutes - Amended

PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW BOARD

City of Madison
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Tuesday, September 13, 2005

5:00 PM

Room LL110 Madison Municipal Building

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: Ald. Paul E. Skidmore, Ald. Austin W. King, Tyrone W. Bell, Terry E. Moen, Larry Pasha and Adam G. Lichtenheld

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pierre McCormick and Ron Trachtenberg registered and spoke in opposition of the Keg Ordinance.

Mayoral Presentation: Appreciation to Member Tom Landgraf

Mario Mendoza presented a certificate to retiring member, Tom Landgraf, who has been on the PSRB since 1988. Chief Wray also commended his long service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8/2/05 minutes unanimously approved on motion by Pasha, seconded by Skidmore.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Set dates for October and November meetings

Dates were set for Oct, Nov and Dec meetings as follows: October 18, November 15 and December 6 (changed from 13th due to Alders conflict of schedule).

After Action Reports on Rhythm & Booms and Elver Park

Captains Bach, Davenport and Wheeler gave critiques of these events. Once the reports are finalized in a written form, copies will be sent to members. Rhythm & Booms overall was a well behaved and family-oriented event. The carnival area needed close monitoring; outside agencies lent assistance; had two motorcycle cops for the first time this year and they were very helpful. American Red Cross helped supply food and beverages for officers. Traffic flow was "smooth." Elver Park had experienced past problems with grills, alcohol, unauthorized fireworks, loose dogs and traffic gridlock. Lighting was added, grills were barred, staff added, and McKenna Blvd. closed - resulted in a much improved event with no arrests nor disturbances.

Capital Budgets Update

Assistant Chief Cole (Police) relayed that all 7 capitol projects requested were approved. The East Police District is the largest. Assistant Chief Keiken distributed Fire Department budget (police was given to members at August meeting). Some of their requests were approved, some were reduced and some denied.

Emergency Preparedness Presentation

Police and Fire gave presentations on current emergency preparedness techniques and practice "drills." Members would like specifics as to how populace would be informed, how moved in a catastrophe. Who would be in charge? This involves far more than just police and fire department services - local agencies but also county, state and federal. The topic will be revisited at a future meeting.

Halloween Event Plan Update

Central Police District Captain Mary Schauf gave a synopsis of Police Department planning for this event. Many meetings involving other agencies and businesses have occurred. Police are increasing staffing, using stadium style lighting again (to remain on all night this year), using 4 large speakers in key blocks area so crowds can hear instructions from police, using fencing as a barrier and traffic flow control device, posting signs as participants approach the event and utilizing a traffic plan. Arrest processing and support will utilize approximately 60 officers who will be housed in the City-County Building parking basement.

LATE ITEM

Amending Section 38.02 and creating Section 38.07(14) of the Madison General Ordinances to create a definition for keg and to regulate the sale and possession of alcohol beverages sold in kegs in the City of Madison.

Sponsors: Paul E. Skidmore

Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s) to the ALCOHOL LICENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE . Captain Jay Lengfeld spoke on the changes to the original proposed ordinance and how this could be used to help police cope with the mounting alcohol-related problems. It would provide accountability in the sale of kegs and the ability to reduce over-consumption of alcohol (beer parties) and reduce the size of house parties. The sunset clause would allow for evaluation after 2 years of implementation. As noted above, 2 persons registered and spoke in opposition of this proposed ordinance, citing legal issues (language redraft by City Attorney's Office desired), the fact that this would not prevent persons from going outside the City of Madison to buy multiple kegs and that education and enforcement of laws already on the books are the answers to the problem. Skidmore moved to refer to City Attorney and then have it come back to PSRB. There was no second. King recommended rejection of the ordinance, seconded by Lichtenheld, citing the lack of appeal process, the belief that more hard liquor would then be consumed, the belief that the City should promote more venues and alternate activities for youth which do not involve or stress the consumption of alcohol, the fact that the ordinance is being portrayed as a downtown issue but it would be in effect citywide. After more discussion and comments, King withdrew his motion and moved for Adoption (as a more appropriate means of vote to reject the ordinance) , seconded by Lichtenheld. Ordinance failed to obtain a recommendation on the following vote: Ayes: Landgraf and Skidmore; Nays: Moen, King, Pasha, Lichtenheld, Bell

Standing Committee Reports

Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM on a motion by King, seconded by Pasha and unanimously approved.