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Meeting Summary West Linn Public Safety Advisory Board September 24, 2018

Call to Order & Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Chairman, Tom Freedland. Also attending were Kris Duncan, Judy Wiechmann, Mike Schofield, Mark Gabriel, Mike McGrath (newly appointed member), Stefan Myers (TVFR), Sergeant Hoesly (WLPD), and Richard Sakelik (City Council). A quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda: Kris D. inquired about the presentation on the mental health protocol she had requested for the September meeting. The presentation was deferred to the October meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The written summary for the 8/27/18 PSAB meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Disaster Preparedness: Judy W. reported she was able to secure a fault map of West Linn which was displayed at the Disaster Preparedness Fair. She is currently working to secure an updated street/lot map to track Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) progress.

Mike S. noted that the head count for the 2018 Preparedness Fair was only 150, which is down significantly from the record high 2015 event. Kris D. expressed disappointment that the City did not post the event in any of its media such as the Fall Activity Guide or Next Door. She said it has been her experience with other events in the community that Next Door is the most effective way to get a message out. She also expressed concern that vendors may be less inclined to participate in the future when they compare the high attendance at surrounding communities such as Lake Oswego and Wilsonville. One thing Mike S. found encouraging was the 50% show of hands by people attending the water storage class who indicated they had already secured some means of purifying and storing water.

Judy W. also reported she made a presentation on the MYN program at the West Linn Adult Community Center and has learned of interest in the Hidden Springs area.

Tom F. stated he has been trying to arrange for a presentation at a PSAB meeting on FirstNet, but is still waiting for a reply to his request. AT&T is the vendor building the system for states around the country.

Teen Driver Safety: Tom F. received notice that the date of the Fall 2018 Street Survival course was changed from September 16 to October 21st. As such, two of the original PSAB selectees could not attend. He managed to fill one of the vacancies, but the second will have to be deferred to the spring session. Tom stated he would seek help from the Youth Advisor Committee to fill those spring slots.



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New Business: Neither of the candidates for West Linn City Council were able to accept the PSAB invitation to attend the September meeting.

Mark G. relayed the concerns of residents on Willamette Dr. about the change to a 28 foot road width at the ICON construction site. The concerns are that TVFR will find it hard to get equipment into the area. Mark asked if there is a role for PSAB when issues like this come to members' attention. City Council member Sakelik suggested that the neighborhood association is probably the most appropriate forum because they are actually invited to attend the pre-application meetings for projects like this.

WLPD Update: Sgt. Hoesly reported that both Captain positions have now been filled. Once the two remaining officer positions are filled, the department will again be fully staffed.

He also reminded members that there are times when the non-emergency dispatch number of 503-635-0238 can generate a faster response than 9-1-1.

TVFR Update: Stefan Myers reported a turnout of about 50-75 persons at the 9/11 ceremony. TVFR is now preparing for the formal opening of Station 55.

TVFR is researching new technology to replace the breathing devices currently used by their paramedics.

Community Comments: Ted Sittser described the difficulty his disabled wife has trying to travel up and down Pimlico in her motorized scooter. Mr. Settser was seeking support for more ADA-compliant curb cuts along that route. Kris D. volunteered to draft a resolution that the PSAB could forward to the City Council requesting prioritization of ADA improvements on their capital improvements list. Richard Sakelik stated he thought the resolution was a good idea and also encouraged Mr. Sittser to comment personally to City Council, as well.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Duncan (PSAB member)