

# Meeting Summary

## West Linn Public Safety Advisory Board

October 22, 2018

**Call to Order & Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chairman, Tom Freedland. Also attending were Kris Duncan, Judy Wiechmann, Stefan Myers (TVFR), Richard Sakelik (City Council) and Shane Boyle (WL IT Director). A quorum was established.

Chairman Freedland announced that Dan Nielsen has resigned his position on the Board due to his conflicting employment schedule. Tom also reported that his first meeting with the Youth Advisory Council did not produce a volunteer, but he will continue to try to recruit a PSAB/YAC liaison.

**Approval of Agenda:** The Board approved the Chair's request to move some of the agenda items around to allow time for the featured presentation.

**Approval of Minutes:** The written summary for the 9/24/18 PSAB meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

**FirstNet Presentation:** The Chair introduced Paul Braunstein, an AT&T employee assigned to the FirstNet project. Paul began by presenting a timeline for the development of the FirstNet project. In the aftermath of the 9/11 attack, a commission was appointed to examine the communication failures and challenges that were experienced by those first responders. The commission recommended development of a separate dedicated communication system that would serve as an alternative to the existing commercial networks. In response, Congress authorized and funded the FirstNet Authority, under the umbrella of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). In March 2017 AT&T was awarded a 25 year contract to build and maintain the FirstNet system. Although states were authorized to select alternate vendors or build their own systems "in-house," all states and territories have now opted to connect to the AT&T network.

Mr. Braunstein explained that AT&T started by using their existing AT&T platform and assigning first responders higher priority than commercial users during high traffic periods. The network has now been up and running since September with approximately 170,000 agencies connected in 50 states plus territories. They are also working to achieve a goal of 90% coverage in rural and tribal areas of the country.

Shane Boyle spoke about the devices they are using to access the FirstNet system. He noted that although the City's current provider is Verizon, they still have the ability to communicate through either system in the event of a disaster. He also noted that AT&T is adding a "Band 14" dedicated solely to the public safety spectrum. All phone/tablet manufacturers will include Band 14 access on their new 2019 devices. Mark G. requested more information on how this arrangement is addressed in the business continuity agreement with the City's current vendor.

**Disaster Preparedness:** Judy W. reported that a Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) meeting has been scheduled with the Hidden Springs Homeowner's Association on November 7. She will also be presenting an overview of the MYN project to the neighborhood association presidents on November 15. A large group in Arbor Cove has also expressed interest, but no date has been determined.

**Teen Driver Safety:** Tom F. noted that Dan Nielsen had also served on this subcommittee so another Board member is needed to help develop a new application form. He also reported he has identified another organization that can serve as the fiscal agent for this project.

**Position Statement on ADA Compliant Sidewalk (Pimlico):** Kris D read a resolution she had drafted outlining the Board's position regarding the prioritization of ADA compliance on all sidewalks in West Linn. Kris acknowledged one small spelling correction which will be made before submittal to the City Council. MOTION: Kris moved, Mark seconded a motion to adopt PSAB Resolution 18-1. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**New Business:** Judy W. noted the need for a mechanism for reporting safety concerns like one she recently encountered at the Starbucks near her. A nest of bees was creating a hazard in the drive-through area, but she was told by the manager that the City of West Linn restricted any intervention. Mr. Sakelik recommended the use of <https://westlinnoregon.gov/YourGOV> to report these kinds of concerns.

Tom F. encouraged the Board to think about items that should be included in the 2018 annual report and goals for 2019 and be ready to make suggestions at the next meeting.

**WLPD Update:** In the absence of any WLPD representative, Chief Kruger emailed a written report to the Chair. Work is still underway to fully staff the department. Peter Mahuna will be sworn in as the new Captain on November 15.

**TVFR Update:** Stefan Myers reported the formal opening of Station 55 was well attended. He noted he still needs more detailed information regarding a reported incident regarding roadway widths and inability of fire trucks to pass. Mr. Sakelik stated there have been several meetings about this incident in the Savannah Oaks neighborhood.

**Community Comments:** Mark G. reported that after speaking with the Fire Chief, he worked with a group from solve to remove the invasive species to improve fire safety. He said he now needs help with removal. Kris D. suggested contacting Ken W. at Parks & Rec. She said they often dispatch dumpsters to sites that are conducting invasive removal.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Duncan (PSAB member)