

Meeting Summary

West Linn Public Safety Advisory Board (PSAB)

April 22, 2019

Call to Order & Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman, Tom Freedland. Board members attending were Kris Duncan, Judy Wiechmann, Amy Zmick, and Mike Megrath. Staff attending were Stefan Myers (TVFR) and Capt. Peter Mahuna(WLPD). Guests attending were Dede Montgomery and Carolyn Jones.

Approval of Agenda: The Board agreed to move Community Comments up to allow guest, Dede Montgomery to address the Board, then leave to attend another meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The written summary for the 3/25/19 PSAB meeting was approved by unanimous consent.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Ms. Montgomery shared that her professional background in industrial safety has contributed to her heightened awareness of safety matters in many settings. Her particular reason for addressing the Board was to discuss pedestrian safety. As the wife of the Mayor, she is aware of the efforts the City is making, in partnership with ODOT, to create crosswalks, calm traffic and support the Safe Routes to Schools program. What she would like to see happen more is a grassroots approach to developing initiatives aimed toward getting drivers to 1) stop for pedestrians; 2) obey speed limits; and 3) get off the phone! For pedestrians and bicyclists, she would like to see stepped up efforts to make sure they are seen at night and use areas designated for them appropriately. She cited examples such as a flag system used in some Seattle neighborhoods. Ms. Montgomery submitted a letter to the PSAB Chair noting her concerns and listing some ideas.

Capt. Mahuna acknowledged the driver issues and noted that the majority of those cited live in the neighborhood where they were speed. Stefan Myers mentioned Tri-Met's "Be Safe/Be Seen" program and recommended they be contacted to make the program better known in West Linn. Kris D suggested this might be a good topic for discussion at a joint meeting with the Transportation Advisory Board. Kris has observed more citizens bringing traffic and mobility concerns to PSAB in the past year and thought it might be a good time to sort out areas of responsibility so citizens don't get sent back and forth between the two groups. Tom F. said he would contact the chair of the Transportation Board to explore some form of dialogue.

STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS

Disaster Preparedness: Judy W. reached out to the Boy Scouts and learned they are no longer selling 72-hr survival kits. Instead, she is compiling a resource list that will be made available to

Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) meeting attendees. Judy also hopes to meet with the new Community Relations Coordinator, Alicia Shroyer, soon to determine whether the City intends to sponsor another Disaster Preparedness Fair. She also plans to resume work on some additional maps as soon as City staff are available to assist.

Judy noted that marketing the MYN program continues to be an ongoing challenge. As volunteers, PSAB members have limited time to post and manage a website or Facebook page. Occasional postings on Next Door may be the most effective.

Teen Driver Safety: Tom F. will try to follow up with the 2 participants of the spring Street Survival training to get their feedback.

NEW BUSINESS

Topics for the Coming Year: Tom F. reminded members to submit ideas for focus discussions or presentations at future meetings.

STAFF UPDATES

WLPD Update: Capt. Mahuna reported the Sgt. position is the only remaining vacancy that will close on April 29th. The Community Service Officer applicants have been narrowed down to two. Kris D asked about a new WLPD pickup truck she recently saw on the road. Capt. Mahuna confirmed that the truck is a new addition, replacing an older SUV. The truck is capable of hauling oversized materials and all other functions needed on patrol.

TVFR Update: Stefan Myers noted the two recent fires, one on White Cloud Circle and the other the Villebois fire in Wilsonville. On the latter, he said nearly 250 people attended a follow-up community meeting to address trauma.

OTHER BUSINESS

Guest, Carolyn Jones, asked why she has seen officers that she knows work for Lake Oswego in other police cars. Capt. Mahuna explained that departments in adjoining jurisdictions often share their training events with one another, including transport to the event. This practice helps the departments to economize and fosters better coordination.

The discussion led to a suggested presentation topic of “incident command.” Stefan said he would seek out a speaker.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Duncan (PSAB member)