

Meeting Summary

West Linn Public Safety Advisory Board (PSAB)

June 24, 2019

Call to Order & Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chairman, Tom Freedland. Members attending were Kris Duncan, Judy Wiechmann, Mike Megrath, and Mark Gabriel. Also attending were Stefan Myers (TVFR) and Capt. Ron Hoesly (WLPD).

Approval of Agenda: The PSAB membership agreed to move the Police Dept. update to the top of the agenda due to Capt. Hoesly's schedule.

Approval of Minutes: The written summary for the 5/20/19 PSAB meeting was approved by unanimous consent.

WLPD Update: Capt. Hoesly reported that three new recruits are still at the academy and will return in early August. The Department is also picking up a lateral transfer from Oregon City. With more officers available to patrol, the Department has been more "pro-active" with traffic enforcement. He noted that many more warnings than tickets have been initially issued. Bill Beavers, the stationary "traveler" seen near Walmart, has moved on of his own accord. Capt. Hoesly said the community seemed pretty divided on whether to accept him as is, or have him removed for fear of sending a message to other perceived homeless to come to West Linn.

OLD BUSINESS/STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS

Disaster Preparedness: Judy W. reported she, Michael & Amy are still looking for a mutually acceptable date to get together to work on media promotion of the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) program. Mark G. suggested posters on all the announcement boards in the parks might be helpful.

Teen Driver Safety: Tom F. reported he was able to confirm that all of the PSAB selectees did participate in the spring Street Survival training. Three slots are now reserved for the fall session. Tom noted that the earlier start of the 2019/20 school year may help to promote and fill those places.

NEW BUSINESS

Topics for the Coming Year: Mark G. spoke of his interest in a recent discussion at City Council at which the Savannah Oaks Neighborhood Assn. presented the results of a "Fire Wise" analysis they recently commissioned. Due to the high threat findings in the report, City Council directed the Parks & Recreation Department to raise fire safety to a more urgent level of attention. Mark noted that although the Hidden Springs NA did not approve funds for a similar analysis, they do intend to make request to City Council for a similar analysis of the 17 acres of "no man's land" along Trillium Creek.

TVFR Update: Stefan Myers explained that the activities conducted by White Oak Savannah were more of a consultation than part of a formal Fire Wise program. He noted that Fire Wise is usually conducted in rural communities and consists of a neighborhood agreement to remove the fuels identified in the FW analysis.

Kris Duncan suggested that PSAB may want to take on wildfire prevention as an initiative, similar to Map Your Neighborhood and Teen Driver Safety. As assessment reports become available, PSAB could promote actions and track progress to determine when recommendations for remediation are accomplished.

Mr. Myers also announced that TVFR will be hosting the Portland Metro Womens Fire Camp to encourage more female recruits. Deadline to apply for the August 2-4 camp is July 5.

Since his last report to PSAB, TVFR responded to two major incidents in West Linn – a house fire on June 13th and a rescue on the Tualatin River.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Judy W. stated she still regularly hears concerns from community residents about the ability for first responders to get trucks through narrow streets in the newer subdivisions. She asked what the current minimums are in the City Code. Mark G. answered that to his knowledge, it is 32 ft when parking is allowed on both sides of the street, 28 ft when parking is only allowed on one side, and 24 feet when no parking is allowed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Duncan (PSAB member)