

Meeting Summary

West Linn Public Safety Advisory Board (PSAB)

August 26, 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 McGrath and Mark Gilbert. Also attending were Capt. Peter Mahuna (WLPD) and Jules Walters (WL City Council).

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the written summary for the 6/24/19 and 7/22/19 PSAB meetings were approved as submitted.

The Chair acknowledged the passing of former PSAB member and Chair, Chuck Bowman, by reading excerpts from his published obituary.

OLD BUSINESS/STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS

Disaster Preparedness: Judy W. reported she is making inquiries about tabling at Market of Choice to promote the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) program. The resignation of PSAB member, Amy Zmick, has set back progress regarding social media outreach. Judy is hopeful that activity and scheduling of more MYN meetings will pick up now that school is back in session.

City Council member, Jules Walters announced she is working with city staff to highlight FEMA's declaration of September as National Disaster Preparedness Month. Judy expressed appreciation for any efforts to steer the public to the PSAB page on the City's website, and more specifically to the MYN program. Kris D. asked Jules if she would also gauge the willingness of city officials to help produce another Disaster Preparedness Fair. Ms. Walters said she would check into the possibility of an event in 2020.

Teen Driver Safety: Tom F. the application for the next Street Survival class in October has been posted and to date, three responses have come in. He also advised the Board that it will soon be time to seek additional resources to replenish the scholarship fund. The Oregon chapter of the Sports Car Club of America, a 501(c)(3) organization is serving as the fiscal agent for PSAB so that contributions may be claimed as a tax deduction.

NEW BUSINESS

LEOSA Presentation: Tom F. shared a power point he has prepared on the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act (LEOSA). The Act was first signed by President George W. Bush in 2004 and amended twice during the Obama administration. The legislation allows all active duty and retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed firearms regardless of state legislation. The need for an overriding federal law rose from the 9/11 disaster. Officers from around the country coming to New York to provide security support had to contend with a number of complicated

and differing restrictions as they crossed state lines. Thus the intent of the legislation was to streamline a coordinated response and bolster public safety. Tom noted that only 1/5 to 1/3 of active police personnel are on duty at any given time. Thus LEOSA provides an added benefit of putting more eyes and years of highly trained persons out in the public who are capable of responding to a dangerous situation. In addition to state and local active/retired officers, the law also applies to airport and campus security personnel.

LEOSA also features a definition of a “retired” officer and exclusions for such as persons as those convicted of domestic violence, felons, drug addicts and former citizens. The law does not supersede restrictions on private property.

Future Topics: Judy W. said she would like to see a FEMA official assigned to this area come to explain their response protocols. Kris D. said she would like to have a discussion regarding the PSAB statement of purpose and ensure that activities align with whatever the public sees on the website.

Jules Walters announced that the PSAB is scheduled to meet with City Council October 7. It was agreed that that the focus of the September 23 meeting should be preparation for that meeting.

WLPD Update: Capt. Mahuna reported they have now filled the last officer vacancy. The academy graduates are now working out in the field with senior personnel. Clackamas County is currently providing detective services until a West Linn replacement is on board. He noted that no officers from West Linn were not sent to Portland during the August 17 demonstration.

An announcement was made that Mike Selvaggio has been appointed to PSAB and will be attending the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Duncan (PSAB member)