

Meeting Summary

West Linn Public Safety Advisory Board (PSAB)

October 28, 2019

Call to Order & Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Chairman, Tom Freedland. Members and staff attending were Kris Duncan, Judy Wiechmann, Mike Selvaggio Mark Gilbert, and Capt. Peter Mahuna (WLPD) Guests attending were Ingrid, Ethan and Elijah McKinley (West Linn residents) and Carolyn Jones (Lake Oswego resident).

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the written summary for the August 26, 2019 PSAB meeting was approved with the correction of PSAB member, Mark Gilbert's last name. (The draft summary erroneously listed Mark's last name as *Gabriel*.) The Chair noted that due to lack of a quorum in September, no action is needed for that month.

OLD BUSINESS/STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS

Teen Driver Safety: With approval from the membership, Teen Driver Safety was moved up on the agenda to accommodate the invited guests. Tom F. introduced Ingrid McKinley and her sons, Ethan and Elijah McKinley. Ethan and Elijah were the fall recipients of the PSAB scholarships to the Street Survival training course. Tom asked for their impressions of the class and their ideas on how best to attract a larger number of applicants for the spring session. Ethan stated he was very impressed with how the course was run and came away feeling more confident. Elijah agreed and said he has recommended it to others. They said that it was parents who received notice of the class via the principal's newsletter. By and large, the students did not know about the opportunity. Ingrid suggested that the Oregon Driver Education Course (ODEC) might be helpful in getting the word out. Ethan thought posters in the halls would be very effective. In terms of social media, Snapchat was suggested as most used by teens. Tom noted that requirements to go through the City to post on social media has been challenging for the Board. Capt. Mahuna said he would look into the possibility of posting the video taken by Ethan and Elijah's father on the Police Department's Facebook page. The Chair reminded the Board that there are currently enough funds on hand for 4 more students at current costs. Donations can be made to the Oregon chapter of the Sports Car Club of America, a 501(c)(3) organization that is serving as the fiscal agent for PSAB.

Disaster Preparedness: Judy W. reported she will be making a Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) presentation to a group of 10-15 families from the Hidden Springs area on November 17. She is also working on a display to set up in the Library and considering a series of disaster preparedness tips to post on the City's Facebook page. Since there seems to be a lot of mobility of late, Judy said she plans to contact past hosts to gauge interest in a repeat meeting to bring new residents into the program. The Board discussed the mixed results of tabling booths at community events to promote MYN. Mike S. volunteered to work with Judy to explore other appropriate linkages to help get the word out.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Report to City Council: The Chair announced that the meeting scheduled for November 18 between PSAB and City Council has been deferred again to sometime in 2020. Instead, the Board will meet on that date to finalize its annual report. He distributed copies of the 2018 PSAB report and encouraged members to review their notes and share ideas for 2020 goals. Kris D. stated that, if practicable, she would like the Board to meet each officer to hear their perspectives on working in West Linn and for them to become more familiar with PSAB. Mark G. noted accomplishments by PSAB in linking people to the appropriate committees to resolve safety problems such as the accessibility barriers along Pimlico. He also noted the start of Fire Wise meetings and would like to see that continue in 2020.

Mike S. stated he would like to know how passage of recent legislation regarding first responder wellness is affecting our local responders. Capt. Mahuna reported that West Linn joined up with Canby, Gladstone and Milwaukie to contract for peer support training.

Judy W. stated she would like to see a 2020 Emergency Preparedness Fair added to the list of goals.

Mark G. stated he just saw an Email from PSAB member, Mike McGrath announcing his resignation. Mark stated he would like to see the addition of a full Board in 2020 added as a goal.

Guest, Carolyn Jones, stated some residents in Lake Oswego have expressed concerns about construction of a new radio tower in their neighborhood. Capt. Mahuna explained the purpose of the tower is to improve communication with first responders. Currently that area has a number of "dead spots."

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Duncan (PSAB member)