

Meeting Summary

West Linn Public Safety Advisory Board (PSAB)

November 18, 2019

Call to Order & Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chairman, Tom Freedland. Members and staff attending were Kris Duncan, Judy Wiechmann, Mark Gilbert, Mike Selvaggio, Capt. Peter Mahuna (WLPD), and Stefan Myers (TVFR).

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the written summary for the October 28, 2019 PSAB meeting was passed with one correction. Under “Disaster Preparedness” the sentence should read, Mike S. volunteered to work with Judy to explore other appropriate linkages to help get the word out.

OLD BUSINESS/STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS

Disaster Preparedness: Judy W. reported approximately 20 people attended a Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) meeting in the Marylhurst/Hidden Springs area on November 17th. Three more presentations are in the works as soon as the neighborhood hosts can pin down a date. Judy also stated since the last PSAB meeting, she has met with fellow PSAB member, Mike Selvaggio to discuss strategies to use a variety of media to promote MYN. Capt. Mahuna reported the City is still working to decide whether to hire an Emergency Operations Manager or whether to add those duties to existing staff. The Board discussed the challenge smaller cities are having with addressing disasters and agreed that counties might be more suitable when economies of scale are challenged. Tom F. acknowledged receiving a question on whether West Linn should pursue Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. Though a worthy goal, the Board agreed that MYN may be a better fit for West Linn than the 25-hr commitment of CERT training.

Teen Driver Safety: Tom F. announced a \$1,000 contribution to the Street Survival training fund from an anonymous donor. The next class is scheduled for March 15, which is prior to the district spring break of March 22-26. Board members discussed strategies for getting a poster made, as recommended by the most recent scholarship recipient.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Report to City Council: The Chair acknowledged receipt of a draft report prepared by Kris D., based on a review of all the meeting summaries. He then asked for any additional comments or suggestions. Judy W. asked to add attendance of the City’s Community Engagement Coordinator as a goal. She noted that the person in this position has been essential in the past, but she is still waiting for a response from their replacement.

Future Topics: Kris D. said since PSAB is tasked by City Council to review and make recommendations on crime prevention, it would be helpful to receive some statistics on actual crime in West Linn. Mike S. suggested as a follow-up to his inquiry last month on new legislation

concerning first responder wellness, he would like to monitor actual utilization of the resources made available to those responders.

PSAB Officer Elections: Assuming the City completes advisory board appointments on schedule, election of officers will take place at the January meeting. Tom F. stated he is willing to Chair meetings for another term. Kris D. stated she will provide a written record as best she can, given her other family caregiving commitments.

STAFF UPDATES

TVFR: Stefan Myers announced that Station 59 will host a gathering after the holiday parade in Old Willamette. All TVFR staff are now back from California. An encore presentation on Incident Command has been requested by City Council and will be delivered by the same person that presented to PSAB. TVFR has received multiple inquiries regarding the Firewise program. This is a national program that works at the neighborhood level, similar to Map Your Neighborhood. Brochures can be ordered from the national website, www.nfpa.org.

WLPD: The Department recently interviewed 38 people to fill two positions. When fully staffed, West Linn will have 29 officers, which is a lower ratio for a city of this size. Changes are not likely due to budget constraints.

Mark G. asked about a recent walk-out at the high school regarding safety concerns expressed by LGBTQ students. The incidence rose from the presence of a Chick fil A food truck at a high school football game. Capt. Mahuna noted that the food vendor agreed to stop serving at the event and that he spoke with students on all sides of the issue. He stated that the kids were on track to work things out and that parents were still concerned and requested a police presence at the walk-out.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Duncan (PSAB member)