

# Meeting Summary

## West Linn Public Safety Advisory Board (PSAB)

May 26, 2021

**Call to Order & Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm by Chairman, Tom Freedland. Members and staff attending were Kris Duncan, Michael Carlsen, Traciee Thomas, Stefan Myers (TVFR) and Toni Swanberg (WLPD). The Chair announced that a quorum was present and that since the last meeting, Charles Matthews had resigned. PSAB members approved the agenda as presented.

**Approval of Written Record:** The audio and written record of the 3/16/21 PSAB meeting was approved by unanimous consent. *(Recorder's note: The scheduled 4/28/21 PSAB meeting was canceled due to lack of a quorum.)*

### OLD BUSINESS

#### West Linn Preparedness Open Forum Follow-Up

Kris D. stated that our public forum appeared to generate some activity by the City Manager and Council to improve communication with the public in the event of a disaster. The general consensus is that social media was too heavily relied upon by public agencies and unavailable to a large sector of the community.

**West Linn Ready (formerly Map Your Neighborhood):** Kris D. described her activities since the last meeting. She met with Toni Swanberg and collected all of the written handout material Judy Wiechmann had used to make Map Your Neighborhood presentations. She said she used some of the material to create a new handout folder suitable for more individualized consultations. She also participated in the Cascade Summit NA meeting and shared the same Power Point presentation she created for the public forum. She was preparing to conduct the first consult when a family health emergency arose so the meeting is postponed. Next steps include development of a consultation checklist and safety guidelines for volunteer consultants. Now that she has received contact information on the newly assigned members, Kris intends to reach out to them individually to determine their interest and time availability to be placed on the "Consultation Call List."

**Other Preparedness Matters:** Tom F. stated he would like to see a common location for the many links to preparedness information in a common "disaster site" on the West Linn web page.

### NEW BUSINESS

**PSAB Statement of Purpose:** Tom F. said he spoke with PSAB's City Council liaison in March about the need to revise the Board's charge and direction in light of the appointment of a new

Police Oversight Task Force. Councilman Bialostosky has been unable to attend any meetings since his assignment to PSAB. Tom will try to contact him again prior to the June meeting.

**Future Topics/Concerns:** Kris D. suggested that PSAB may want to consider some seasonal initiatives such as wildfire and water safety. Kris asked TVF&R representative, Stefan Myers, if any statistics were available regarding accidents or rescue efforts along the West Linn waterfronts. She described a program in her former home city of Anchorage, AK that provided children's life preservers at waterfront parks. Stefan said he would check on statistics. He also described two similar local ad hoc initiatives to make preservers available at Hagg Lake and Rogers Landing.

Traciee T., who lives in the vicinity of Highway 43, said she has been hearing a disproportionately high number of emergency sirens. Recalling the fatal accident on Willamette Falls Drive last month, she asked if PSAB should be looking into this pattern further. Stefan M. noted that West Linn has a Traffic Safety Committee, separate from PSAB that has interagency representation. Tom F. added that in the past, citizens have approached PSAB with their traffic concerns, not knowing where to turn first and that PSAB has taken steps to ensure the concern was brought to the attention of the appropriate authorities.

#### STAFF UPDATES

**TVF&R:** Stefan Myers reported that TVF&R is currently promoting the Ready Set Go program to reduce wildfire damage and injury. Information is available on their website regarding the three stages of the program – Ready (creating defensible space); Set (preparing a to-go kit and developing an evacuation plan); Go (having the information and resources ready to leave on short notice.) Virtual presentations are planned, with the next one scheduled for June 17.

**WLPD:** Acting Chief Peter Mahuna was out of town and will present an update next month.

Tom F. noted that the next meeting will be on June 23, 2021 at 6pm. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Duncan (PSAB member)