

Meeting Summary

West Linn Public Safety Advisory Board (PSAB)

July 28, 2021

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, Austin Rufener, Dale Fortuna, Rory Bialostosky (WL City Council) and Acting Chief Peter Mahuna (WLPD). The Chair acknowledged notice from PSAB member, Traciee Thomas of her inability to attend due to a family emergency. He declared a quorum was still present and the agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of Written Record: The written record of the 5/26/21 PSAB meeting was approved by unanimous consent. *(Recorder's note: The scheduled 6/23/21 PSAB meeting was canceled due to lack of a quorum.)*

OLD BUSINESS

West Linn Ready (formerly Map Your Neighborhood): Kris D. noted that due to her husband's declining health, she had been unable to conduct any of her disaster preparedness activities since the last PSAB meeting. Since his recent passing, she has begun to assemble the informational materials and resume her duties. During that period, she was contacted by a member of the local LDS church. Church members in both Lake Oswego and West Linn have been encouraged to take responsibility to organize Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) units around their respective homes. Kris gave the LDS/MYN coordinators all but 10 of the multi-tab MYN handouts and encouraged them to report back the areas they have organized so we can update the PSAB/MYN map. The coordinators told her they hoped to have enough groups organized to hold a formal drill on the day of the 2021 Shake Out (October 21).

Other Preparedness Matters: Councilor Bialostosky announced the receipt of 23 applications for the Emergency Operations Manager position. The first round of interviews is scheduled for August 12th. Kris D. asked if there would be an opportunity for PSAB members to participate in the selection process once finalists are determined, just as they did when the last Police Chief was hired. Staff will make inquiries on the members' behalf.

Kris D. asked if anyone had more detailed information about the formation of an Emergency Preparedness Council that Clackamas County announced last week. She suggested there might be a role for a PSAB member to play on this council. None of the members or staff were aware of the announcement.

Teen Driving Safety: For the benefit of newer PSAB members, Tom F. described the Teen Driving Safety initiative PSAB conducted prior to the pandemic. He noted how challenging it was to recruit and select scholarship recipients and the many avenues they tried to get the word out. Dale F. suggested the Lions Club might be able to assist with that effort.

NEW BUSINESS

Future Topics: Tom F. stated he could arrange for a presentation from the DA's office on the issue of sex trafficking.

Future Meeting Structure: PSAB members stated they are still seeking guidance on the Council's expectations in light of establishment of the Police Oversight and Accountability Task Force. Austin R. stated he would like to see data on what is most affecting West Linn citizens to determine how best to utilize PSAB member's time, energy and expertise. Chief Mahuna stated the most complaints received concern speeding drivers. In the past, whenever citizens have brought such concerns to PSAB, they were referred to the Traffic Safety Committee. Kris D. noted that the activities listed on the PSAB web page all use the words, "crime" and make no mention of disasters, yet that has been the primary focus since she joined the Board five years ago. The Chair agreed that in the years he has served, PSAB has "drifted" toward a stronger emphasis on disaster response and preparedness.

Councilor Bialostosky stated the Council has acknowledged the need to go beyond social media to inform residents of disaster resources available during power outages. He said he would like to work on a communication plan with PSAB.

STAFF UPDATES

WLPD: Acting Chief Peter Mahuna shared that the application period for the Police Chief position closes August 20th.

City/General: Councilor Bialostosky announced the estimate to replace the 1300-1500 trees lost in the ice storm. The \$1.3 million dollar estimate includes stump grinding and additional branch trimming as well as tree acquisition and planting. Public input will be sought to determine the extent to which the trees may be replaced. Kris D. said she would like to see an estimate of how much carbon absorption was lost. Living so close to an interstate freeway, such a significant loss could be affecting air quality and public health.

PSAB members agreed to recess during the month of August has was traditional. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 22nd at 6:00 pm. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Duncan (PSAB member)