

Present:

Larry Kanzler, Chief of Police
Ray Bryan – Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association
Dolly Macken-Hambright – Linwood Neighborhood Association
Mary Weaver – Campbell Neighborhood Association
Dave Hedges – Member At Large
Guest – Tim Salyers – City Code Enforcement

The meeting was called to order at 6:23 p.m.

It was decided that there weren't enough members present for a quorum, but they would continue with the meeting anyway.

Chief – spoke about the issues of being a “non-profit” organization. He's going to ask the remaining board members of RECIC (Regional Economic Crime Information Committee) to transfer the funds they have left to the PSAC “Foundation” since they have the same purpose. RECIC has run out of funding resources and is disbanding.

Chief – we had a homicide occur this morning on Mailwell Drive. The suspect is in custody.

Crime rates for 2007 – overall we came out with no increase in the crime rate.

All the motor officers are working now. The photo radar van is still not in service – we're waiting for parts to come in. It might be deployed by March 15th. The first photo red light cameras will be located at Harrison & Highway 224. It will take approximately 3-4 years to have the system paid off and then we can keep the revenue it brings in. He explained how the system works in issuing citations.

The cost of LOCOM providing dispatch services has increased because the volume of calls has increased. It still costs approximately half of what operating our own dispatch center.

Tim Salyers – spoke about the shopping cart ordinance. It hasn't been enacted yet. There have been issues with the differences between our proposed ordinance and Senate Bill 645 – the City attorney is looking into it. There was a discussion regarding theft of carts.

Chief – we had a cost estimate for the upgrades to City Hall to create a new courtroom – it was \$900,000. The Chief is going to ask that any residual funds from the photo radar and photo red light revenues be saved for that project. The current court docket usually has 200 people and it gets extremely crowded so it will only get worse with additional citations being issued.

Ray – Safety & Security Task Force had its last meeting. Tri-Met took their recommendations, put them on a list, and listed what was being done with each one.

There's no guarantee that any of the recommendations will be carried out. Chief said that the management at Clackamas Town Center is very concerned about Tri-Met's lack of response to their safety issues. There was a discussion regarding annexing in the area of McLoughlin Blvd. & Park Avenue if/when light rail is installed.

Officer of the Year Dinner review – Dolly went over the funds/donations/expenditures. The Chief said some of the officers suggested that next year the dinner be held at the Spaghetti Factory off Sunnyside Road – it's larger, smoke-free, and cheaper. Dave said that his NDA Chair brought up concerns regarding the K-9 funds and PSAC being in charge of them. There was a discussion regarding how the bills would be paid and by whom.

Mary brought up a concern about ethanol fires and how the Fire Department is dealing with it. Apparently most FD's don't have the correct foam or enough of it to extinguish a large fire. Chief will invite a Fire Captain to attend a future meeting. She said the Campbell Carnival is coming soon. She said their ad says that they will be having monster trucks crushing cars. Chief said he did not authorize their parade permit. She shared an article regarding reducing gang involvement/violent activities in the schools. All schools are encouraged to have such a policy in place. Through a federal grant we had officers contact the parents of kids who were identified as gang associates. It had a huge impact.

Dolly – the Citizen's Police Academy starts in September. Anyone interested needs to get their application in early. There won't be as many slots available because Candy may be joining in.

Landlord training – Sgt. Hipes will be providing training regarding the safety of tenants on March 15th.

There was a discussion on school zone yellow lights. It costs \$2,000 per light per year to have them automatically turned on and off. Officer Olsen will be doing a study on the school zones within the City and looking at re-signing some of them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting will be on March 27th.