

# Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

December 4, 2014

Present:

Mary Weaver, Chair – Hector Campbell Neighborhood Association  
Linda Hedges – Secretary and Member At Large  
Pepi Anderson – Lewelling Neighborhood Association  
Chris Ortolano – Member at Large  
Ray Bryan – Vice Chair and rep of Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association  
Megan Elston-Power– Island Station Neighborhood Association;  
Angel Falconer – Member at Large  
Chief Steve Bartol – Milwaukie PD  
Chief Fred Charlton – Clackamas Fire District #1  
Guest – Kim Travis, Ardenwald resident

Apologies: Don Wiley – Linwood Neighborhood Association; Sue Richardson – Lake Road Neighborhood Association

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The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chair Weaver.

Chair Weaver asked for any changes or corrections to the October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes. There were none and the minutes were approved unanimously.

## **Clackamas Fire District #1**

- Chief Charlton reported that the district now covers Boring, Damascus, south to Clarkes, Upper Highland, Oregon City Johnson City, Milwaukie, Happy Valley and unincorporated north Clackamas County, an area of 220 sq miles and 200,000 residents. They answer 20,000 calls a year of which 67% are medical calls. Each apparatus includes at least one paramedic. They have just acquired a million dollar ladder truck with a driver located in the rear; it will improve calls to light rail incidents.
- The Fire District began training 8<sup>th</sup> graders in hands-only CPR and now has over 10,000 people trained up in this lifesaving skill.
- He mentioned a free app for Iphones and Smartphones called PulsePoint which allows you to register to receive notification of any calls for AED response near where you are located so if you are trained in CPR and AED use you can go to help.
- Operation Santa Claus will operate in Milwaukie Dec 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> this year. Check [www.clackamasfire.com](http://www.clackamasfire.com) for routes; time is 6-9pm.
- The Chief mentioned the File of Life medical information magnet which medically fragile people call complete and stick on their refrigerator so responding paramedics will have their medical and medication information available.
- The Chief mentioned that the existing bond is due to expire in 2015 and the district will be putting a .10/1,000 bond on the ballot in May which they think will produce \$30million to fund new stations and equipment.
- Someone asked about the department's involvement in new regulations on movement of hazardous materials such as oil trains. The fire marshal is responsible for that and works with the State Fire Marshal's Office.

### **Milwaukie Police Department**

- Chief Bartol reported that this past Monday he swore in two officers who will bring the department up to fully budgeted strength. They still have 8 months of academy and field training but will be able to be deployed by the time Light Rail commences in downtown Milwaukie. The Department will begin another round of recruitment after the holidays in order to be able to hire in response to anticipated retirements in 2015.
- Mary had asked the Chief to read the oath officers swear to for the department in addition to the “official” oath.
- Chief Bartol reported that the new PIO, Officer Elkins, is getting trained to start using social media more for press releases. There was some discussion about updating the department’s web pages and the resources needed to be able to do that. Mitch Nieman, Grady Wheeler and the new Neighborhood Involvement Coordinator are working on updating the most viewed city web pages, which includes the police departments. They hope to be able to put record requests and other information requests on-line. The video for the photo radar van is now obsolete. There was discussion over the time involved and departmental resources needed to maintain web pages. The Chief hopes to be able to eventually hire an individual who can manage many of the administrative tasks including web page maintenance, record staff supervision, administrative support to the Chief and confidential administrative support.
- The Clackamas County Peace Officers Benevolent Fund is collecting for assistance for the young woman who was badly injured in an accident a few months ago at 99E and River Road and who subsequently lost a leg due to her injuries.
- The Chief reminded PSAC representatives to remind neighbors of the need to be especially aware of burglars and car prowlers during the holiday season, to not leave any valuables in cars overnight, to lock garages and windows and to make sure packages are taken indoors promptly.

### **Sub-Committee Reports**

- PMLR – Ray Bryan said there is a link for educators to brochures, posters and other curricula materials on light rail safety.
- Safe Routes to School  
Angelene Falconer had nothing new to report.
- Monroe Greenway Project  
Chris Ortolano reported that there had been a community open house on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was very well attended and a great deal of comment and discussion occurred. The Committee will reconvene in January. Information can be found on the City’s website. <http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/planning/monroe-street-neighborhood-greenway-concept-plan>.  
Linda mentioned concern over proposed use of diverters to move traffic onto King Road and Railroad Avenue and how much more time these could add to emergency responders’ time in our neighborhoods. This is just one of many ideas that could be included in the concept plan. Chris said he would make sure that the Fire District’s representative to the Greenway Committee, Mike Bouman, is aware of these concerns. These concerns will be relayed to the committee.

**NDA Issues:**

- Mary distributed grant request forms from the Milwaukie Public Safety Foundation for the 2015 Police officer of the Year Award Dinner. PSAC helps to fund the cost of tickets for police officers in Milwaukie through the neighborhood grant funds. PSAC reps were asked to take these grant requests back to their NDAs for December or January meetings. The request this year is for \$100 from each NDA.
- Angel asked about the use of the digital speed cameras for traffic data collection and there was some discussion about acquiring some other tools that would be better suited for this purpose. **Action: L Hedges to send email request to Planning and Engineering about potential equipment.**

The meeting closed at 8:10pm.

Draft minutes pending approval at January 22, 2015 meeting.  
Submitted by Linda M. Hedges, Secretary