

Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

May 22, 2014

Present:

Don Wiley, Chair – Linwood Neighborhood Association

Ray Bryan – Vice Chair and rep of Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association

Linda Hedges – Secretary and Member At Large

Mary Weaver - Campbell Neighborhood Association

Sue Richardson – Lake Road Neighborhood Association

Angel Falconer – Member at Large

Chris Ortolano – Member at Large

Captain Mark Dye – Milwaukie PD

Battalion Chief Brian Newman – CFD1

Guest: Janelle Lawrence, Oregon Impact

Apologies: Joanne Bird – Island Station Neighborhood Association

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m by Chair Don Wiley. Mark Dye represented Milwaukie PD as Chief Bartol is in Washington DC. Battalion Chief Newman represented Clackamas Fire District.

Don asked if everyone had read the minutes from the April meeting. Ray Bryan moved to accept the minutes. Mary Weaver seconded the motion. They were approved unanimously

Don reported that Connie Kilby, one of our newest at-large members, has had to resign unexpectedly. Sonja Souder had indicated at the last meeting that she would be stepping down, as had Jo Anne Bird, as NDA rep. There was discussion over who should be on the email distribution list. There is some transition due to the NDA elections. **Action: Linda is to check with Beth Ragel for an official roster with emails and other information and will distribute it to members.**

Battalion Chief Newman, Clackamas Fire reported that 17 firefighters have been hired under a grant program and that will enable them to staff South End and Pleasant Valley fire stations. CFD#1 has just contracted for services with Boring Fire which covers Damascus and Boring all the way to the Sandy fire district area, an additional 64 square miles. Merging services means a more efficient use of staff and equipment.

During discussion about the recent Oregonian article on the increased use of the train system by oil trains, BC Newman was asked about what plans there are for dealing with any derailments and subsequent fire from an oil train. He mentioned that a train could carry as much as 1 million gallons in a 35 car train. He said no agency has sufficient equipment to fight a fire like that by itself but local agencies have long helped each other respond with what is needed. There is sufficient foam within the Metro region to fight a large oil fire. He said that the railroads are now required to notify the state fire marshal when they will be running a 35+ car oil train through Oregon. The state fire marshal will notify local agencies and that process is being worked out. He said that local agencies are jointly working on development of plans for a derailment event. He said that within the past year the number of oil cars shipping oil has expanded over 250% due to the oil boom and that there have been more spills and fires than in

the past 37 years, but they still represent an extremely small percentage of the total cars carrying hazardous chemicals.

Oregon Impact: Janelle Lawrence works for the non-profit which provides education on the outcome of drunk and distracted driving. They have a training trailer that includes an audio tape of the 911 recording of one victim's fatal crash with the vehicle in its crushed condition. The organization does an annual awareness program at the high school before prom and the grad party, offers victim panels and wants to bring its presentation to more events.

Milwaukie Police Department Captain Dye reported that Tom Broomfield has been promoted to Detective Sergeant, Luke Strait to Sergeant and Tony Cereghino will be coming from Tri-Met to the Detective Division. TriMet plans to hold open the position for awhile.

- Officer Campos will be completing the academy soon and Officers Snell and Myers will be going to the academy in July
- The department has begun working with a number of other regional departments on a new report writing system that will allow better statistical reporting and better access for our officers to warrants and records in a broader area.
- There was an incident at the high school earlier today that resulted in a juvenile arrested and two suspended. The weapon was an airsoft pistol.

Portland Milwaukie Light Rail report:

- Claudia Steinberg, the long-term Tri-Met liaison to Milwaukie, has retired. New contacts are:
Unincorporated Clackamas County – Coral Egnew
Milwaukie – Jennifer Koozer
Southeast Portland, south of Powell Boulevard – Jennifer Koozer
Southeast Portland, north of Powell Boulevard – Coral Egnew
Tilikum Crossing – Coral Egnew
Southwest Portland – Coral Egnew
Coral Egnew, egnewc@trimet.org, 503-962-2275 (office) 503-805-2757 (mobile)
Jennifer Koozer, koozerj@trimet.org, 503-962-2116 (office) 503-805-2193 (mobile)
During business hours, you can also reach them through Max Bernstein,
BernsteM@TriMet.org, 503-962-2150.
For construction emergencies there is a hotline, [503-962-2222](tel:503-962-2222).
- Ray reported that he contacted Tri-Met about the security budget for the opening of the PMLR in September 2015 and was told that the 2016 budget will have 4 officers for specific coverage of the Orange Line.
- Ray mentioned that the stormwater beds on Harrison near the Waldorf School contain vertical iron bars meant to be a weir to slow the water and filter silt but that could be quite dangerous to pedestrians. **Action: Ray will check into this issue**
- Safety education programs for local students regarding PMLR will begin in the Fall.
- It is now less than 500 days until PMLR opens
- Recommendations for bus route changes following opening of the PMLR will be discussed with the public in open houses starting in July

Emergency Preparedness Seminars/Events:

- Linda reported that the May 10th WellnessFair had great vendors but low attendance. She discussed changes that might have led to better attendance and suggested bringing it downtown Milwaukie on a Farmer's Market weekend if done again. She said it was discouraging to put in so much work on so many people's part and to not be as

successful as we would want but that continuing to offer some sort of seminars is still important and useful. She mentioned that a member of the CERT team who is a Red Cross Disaster Preparedness trainer wants to offer the Red Cross program "Together We Prepare" and that could be the next program offered. Angel remarked that the Davis's had suggested using a Walking Dead zombie theme that might bring more interest.

- OHSU's ThinkFirst Fall Prevention program on June 11th will be held from 6:30-8:30pm at the Milwaukie Center. **ACTION: PSAC reps to remind neighbors and others to publicize the event**

Bike Giveaway Project This year's presentation by the police department will be the 4th of June.

K9 Fundraising: Sue reported that there are new doggie treats cookbooks on sale for \$5. Raffle tickets for the drawing on July 19th at the 9K for K9 walk are available from Kathy Lyle and PSAC reps are encouraged to help sell the raffle tickets. Fundraising by the Foundation continues to be successful.

Domestic Violence Awareness

Mary Weaver and Angel Falconer will work on preparing a scarecrow for display at City Hall that depicts a message about domestic violence and abuse. They will put a plastic holder on it that will contain brochures for people to take away

Mary mentioned that quite a few flyers were left from the Wellness Fair and Linda suggested they could go to Beth Ragel to be distributed at the Farmer's Market Community booth

PSAC will request that the City issue an official proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness month in October. **Action: Linda to write to Pat DuVal requesting the proclamation from last year be edited and used for 2014**

Action: Linda will request a Pilot article in October's issue and ask if information can be included in the water bill

Safe Routes to School project:

- Angel Falconer said she attended the April meeting on SRTS and found that assistance in writing grants is available.
- Don clarified that the recently revised TSP lists the priority of sidewalk improvements in the city, with Stanley Avenue and Railroad Avenue the next to be completed if and when funding becomes available.
- Angel mentioned that some Milwaukie PTAs are using city engineering maps and are working on their own to identify biking and walking routes that children could use if safety improvements were made. Linda suggested that the PTAs should be requested to work with the NDAs on this project. **ACTION: Each rep should contact their school's PTA for liaison on pedestrian and bike safety projects.**
- Chris Ortolano suggested that this could be an opportunity to provide an educational component to elementary school children regarding SRTS. He and Ms Falconer wanted to form a subcommittee to further discuss the subject
- Don advised that each neighborhood should compile its own list of proposed street projects to inform Engineering so that where possible projects such as sewer or water

pipe replacement projects could include other improvements desired by the NDA. Crosswalks, signage and paths could possibly be added without additional cost.

Street Maintenance as a PSAC subject:

- Chris Ortolano had suggested at the last meeting that we discuss street maintenance as a topic PSAC should consider. Don read an email from City Operations Director Gary Parkin that outlined CUAB's responsibility for the road from the surface down and clarified PSAC's role relating to signage, sidewalks and crosswalks.
- The group concluded that our role is to work on pedestrian and bike safety projects, and that the Walk Safely Milwaukie program and Safe Routes to Schools best meet those objectives and are already in our Work Plan

PMLR Citizen Patrol

- Chris Ortolano had asked if a citizen-based watch group might patrol downtown when PMLR first opens to send a message that our community doesn't want crime and will be welcoming commuters who want to come to Milwaukie for legitimate reasons. Captain Dye said that he had had some experience with volunteer programs in the past and had found that enthusiasm dwindles fairly quickly and that it is stressful and a lot of work on the part of the police department to try to keep such a program going. He stated that the police department would NOT provide liability coverage for such volunteers. He suggested an educational campaign "if you see something say something" and that idea should be promoted for other activities people are concerned about. The police officers often hear about something that happened the previous week but no one had called – there is little they can do if they are not called. 503-786-7500 non-emergency police number. **Action: Linda to request that this number be posted on the City's website front page.**
- NDA reps are requested to encourage neighbors to program the non-emergency phone number 503-786-7500 into their cell phones.
- Captain Dye mentioned that they are working on enabling texting to LoCom and CCom.

NDA Reports:

- Ray mentioned that the sign westbound on 25th and Washington warning of pedestrians crossing the street has been removed. He will check with Jason Rice to see if there was a reason why it is no longer there
- NDA reps are requested to encourage citizen police ride-alongs
- There is a Bike Safety Rodeo on June 6th as part of the First Friday event

June's Agenda:

- Mary requested that we discuss the Work Plan at our next meeting as some minor changes need to be made

Linda moved and Sue seconded a motion to end the meeting. It was approved and Don closed the meeting at 8:15pm.

Draft minutes pending approval at June 26, 2014 meeting.
Submitted by Linda M. Hedges, Secretary