

Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

August 28, 2014

Present:

Don Wiley, Chair – Linwood Neighborhood Association

Linda Hedges – Secretary and Member At Large

Megan Elston-Power– Island Station Neighborhood Association

Mary Weaver - Campbell Neighborhood Association

Sue Richardson – Lake Road Neighborhood Association

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

Angel Falconer – Member at Large

Chief Steve Bartol – Milwaukie PD

Apologies: Chris Ortolano – Member at Large

No representative was available from Clackamas Fire District #1

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m by Chair Don Wiley.

Don asked if everyone had read the minutes from the July meeting. Linda Hedges moved to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mary Weaver and they were approved unanimously

No representative attended from Clackamas Fire District #1.

Milwaukie Police Department

- Chief Bartol reported that the department has two officers at the police training academy; one has graduated and is undergoing supervised field training, two have just begun training. The department is conducting background checks on three possible hires, with two to fill current empty positions and one for an anticipated December retirement. He believes the department will only be down two officers by the time Light Rail opens.
- In the meantime traffic enforcement citations (and revenue) are down due to traffic officers being pulled to do regular patrol.
- SRO Hill will be going back to the middle and high school next week.
- In response to a question by Ray Bryan, the New Visions house on 27th is asking DHS to be allowed to raise the age limit from 8-15 to 10-17 due to aging of its current occupants. Chief Bartol has a meeting with them on September 8 to review their good neighbor agreement. Ray said the neighborhood has not experienced issues with the group.
- Ray said he perceives that cars on Hwy 224 have increased their speed, and Sue Richardson agreed she has also observed this to be true. Chief Bartol explained this may partially be due to being down 5 officers, with a lack of traffic officers being able to enforce the speed limit.
- Angel Falconer asked if our department has received any surplus military equipment such as other departments across the country have controversially received. Chief Bartol said he has not as there was not a perceived need for things like humvees or heavy guns. There is also a lack of storage to just keep equipment such as that “until it’s needed”. He said he would apply if he felt there was a need and the equipment was available at a much lower price than he could otherwise pay.

- He was asked if, when PMLR opens, the Department would deploy patrols with officers on bikes. He said that if we get to the point where the department has sufficient staffing, he would like to do so. The Department has 2 nice bikes and some officers have appropriate bike attire and equipment.
- He discussed the current deployment of officers to Tri-Met and that he has not been able to send anyone to replace one officer who recently returned from Tri-Met. We currently have one sergeant and one officer there. Tri-Met is also understaffed.

Portland Milwaukie Light Rail report:

- Ray reported that Tri-Met would like to send a couple people to our October meeting to discuss their safety education efforts. There have been no CAC meetings since June but he intends to continue serving on this very important committee.

Sub-Committee Reports

- Emergency Preparedness Seminars
 - September 30th, Clackamas Fire District Training Center, 6-8pm, Emergency Preparedness Seminar, a presentation taught by CFD#1's Emergency Manager Gregg Ramirez, with several vendors showing how to put together a 72 hour kit, a go-bag, sanitation during a disaster and animals in disaster.
 - Linda reported that due to poor attendance at the previously offered five seminars she does not feel that further effort to offer forums should be made at this time.
- Domestic Violence Awareness
 - Mary Weaver reported that Amanda Castellano is working on an article for the October Pilot. Chief Bartol will review the article and combine anything he wants to add with what they have written.
 - A scarecrow design is still being considered.
 - There will also be a proclamation made by City Council in October in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness month.
- Safe Routes to School
 - The Linwood PTO conducted a walking survey around the school to identify the problem spots for those children who walk or bike to school. The Bicycle Transportation Alliance has a person involved as well. The PTO plans to produce a report. Chris Ortolano was attending a meeting conflicting with the PSAC meeting.
- Monroe Greenway Project
 - The Committee has not yet met.

Work Plan:

- The Revised 2014-15 Work Plan and report for 2014 will be presented to City Council on September 16th's work session at 5pm. The proposed changes were discussed, a couple of new items were added and it was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the revised plan covering the remainder of 2014 and all of 2015.

Elections: Chair: Linda Hedges moved and Sue Richardson seconded to nominate Mary Weaver for Chair. She was approved unanimously. Ray Bryan was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to serve again as Vice Chair, as was Linda Hedges for

Secretary. Don Wiley's leadership and guidance during the past four years is gratefully acknowledged. He will remain on PSAC as Linwood's representative.

NDA Issues:

- Linda raised the importance for the Monroe Greenway Design Project to consider crosswalk reinstatement at 47th and Monroe and Don Wiley suggested that Linwood and Monroe is also lacking in a marked crosswalk and is a very dangerous place to cross the road. These two items will be requested to be considered through our PSAC Rep, Mr. Ortolano.
- Meg Elston-Power asked Chief Bartol if he knew about the ISNDA's request to Council for street signs marking 15mph speed limits on 19th Street. There was discussion about other streets across the city that may also meet the skinny streets criteria that could also benefit from speed signs. <http://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/801.368>
- The Residential Parking Permit program will be discussed by representatives from Historic Milwaukie, Island Station, Ardenwald and Lake Road neighborhood associations with the Planning Department. Some problems already exist where individuals who use the Transit Center to ride into Portland to work, and downtown Milwaukie employees who don't want to pay for a parking permit currently park all day in front of homes, or "hide and park". There is considerable concern that persons using PMLR will increasingly swamp nearby neighborhoods with cars parked all day. Planning Director Steve Butler will be leading a discussion to find out what kind of program will be acceptable for implementation. They will be looking into suggested parking solutions like 4 hour parking that might be enough to solve issues without a permit system being put in place.
- St John the Baptist Catholic Church has erected a fence and no parking signs with a towing company enforcement to block off parking in their lot across the street from the high school stadium. No one knew why it has done so or whether the church and high school still have an agreement where high school staff and students can use the lot.
- Linda Hedges reported problems with trespassers into the natural area in Homewood Park.

Linda noted that the combined November/December meeting will be held on December 4th at the PSB, as November and December usual meeting dates fall on holidays.

Linda moved and it was seconded to end the meeting. It was approved and the meeting closed at 8:17pm.

Draft minutes pending approval at August 28, 2014 meeting.
Submitted by Linda M. Hedges, Secretary