

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING NOTES

February 26, 2004

Present:

Karen Martin - Campbell Neighborhood Association
Jim Colt – Police Captain
Ray Bryan – Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association
Rick Bantz – Lake Road Neighborhood Association
Gene Covey – Lewelling Neighborhood Association

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Karen asked if everyone had read the minutes of the last meeting. Ray made a motion to accept the minutes. Gene seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Captain Colt introduced himself – he is in charge of police operations and the Records Department.

Traffic Management Plan:

Ray feels the format should be changed. The group agreed to go over the document as it is and note any changes or concerns.

Whenever possible, condense things – there are too many words.

Karen wasn't familiar with the City's Transportation System Plan – it was done in 1997. It tells which streets are collectors, arterials, etc.

Ray feels there should be definitions included in the document regarding what is a collector street, arterials, etc.

Ray feels it should be made known that this is an on-going process – things change.

The enforcement aspect is also important – but where should it be in the document?

It should apply to more than just residential streets.

If someone has a complaint – such as speeding vehicles – it should be researched before anything is done (traffic analysis equipment, radar, etc.).

Perhaps the point system should be different for different streets, depending on size.

Maybe the point system should be replaced – perhaps a different ranking system.

Problem areas/complaints need to be prioritized.

Everyone agreed that the PSAC should be able to rewrite this document before they can endorse it.

The group agreed that the goals are fine.

Karen felt that she needed more history on the document – why do we have it and where did it come from?

Ray suggested using a flow chart format – it would be easier to follow.

Are there funds available in the budget? Ray said there are grants available and system development charges are possibly available.

What is our budget for traffic calming?

What are other cities using? Perhaps we could get copies of similar-sized cities' plans. Besides speed bumps and stop signs, what other types of traffic calming devices are there?

The group would like to have Brion come in and give his opinion of the document.

Jill will do research on different plans and send it to the committee members.

The Chief is requesting a photo radar unit – we would hire retired police officers to work part time.

Karen asked if the police department had used the traffic analysis equipment yet – Colt confirmed that we have. We've had complaints and confirmed the situation. The motor officers worked the area – most violators were local.

Karen asked if the group could see some of the print-outs of the traffic analyzer at the next meeting.

The group discussed problems with cars passing in the bike lane, the new pedestrian crossing law and proposed school zone changes.

Gene asked if many citations have been written on Johnson Creek lately. Colt didn't think so.

Rick asked why there was such a fluctuation in the amount of citations month-to-month.

Colt said a lot depends on whether the traffic officers are attending training.

The group asked if a police officer could attend their neighborhood association meetings – Colt said he would remind the Sergeants to send a district car when they are available.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.