

Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

April 23, 2015

Present:

Mary Weaver, Chair – Hector Campbell Neighborhood Association
Linda Hedges – Secretary and Member At Large
Kim Travis – Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association
Ray Bryan – Vice Chair and rep of Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association
Chris Ortolano – Member at Large
Angel Falconer – Member at Large
Sue Richardson – Lake Road Neighborhood Association
Kit Donnelly – Member At Large
Chief Steve Bartol – Milwaukie PD
Battalion Chief Scott Carmony– Clackamas Fire District #1

Apologies:

Don Wiley – Linwood Neighborhood Association
Megan Elston-Power– Island Station Neighborhood Association
Pepi Anderson – Lewelling Neighborhood Association

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chair Weaver. Introductions were made. Two new members: Kit Donnelly, Member At Large and Kim Travis, introduced themselves.

Chair Weaver asked for any changes or corrections to the March 26th meeting minutes. There were no corrections made to the minutes. The minutes were approved by unanimous consensus.

Clackamas Fire District #1

- Battalion Chief Scott Carmony mentioned the bond on the ballot in May (3-466) which the Fire District believes will raise \$29 million and will be used to fund new stations and equipment. Cost per household of \$300,000 value house will be about \$30/yr or \$2.50 per month. An existing bond of about the same amount will expire this year.

Milwaukie Police Department

- April 25th is the Prescription Drug Turn In and Shred Day, 10am-2pm at the PSB. No charge but donations to the MPSF appreciated.
- In response to questions asked of a committee member about the benefit of the resources the City provides to the Police Department for the community's service, Chief Bartol provided an overview of the police department and talked about the challenges to provide service to the community, maintain training standards and minimum staffing. He spoke about several specific cases and how training and staffing affected the outcomes in a positive way. He outlined the various joint teams of which our officers are members and described how SWAT,

Major Crimes and Narcotics teams jointly operate. He will email a pdf of the slides for his presentation. **Action: Chief Bartol**

- Proposed future topics for presentations on a bi-monthly basis: the K-9 program, Identity Theft and Fraud, Traffic enforcement and Safety, Major Crimes Task Force, CFD#1, and how our officers are trained to deal with the mentally ill. The Chief proposed that after a year we review whether to continue these presentations.
- Tri-Met has started recruiting for 5 new positions of police officers from the Portland region to cover the Orange Line when it begins to operate. Chief Bartol was asked if he could provide these officers, which would be paid for by Tri-Met. He said he does not currently have even one experienced officer he could release and suggested Tri-Met could pay for new officers from the beginning of their training, through the academy and released for deployment to Milwaukie PD and then he could send a more experienced officer to Tri-Met but they declined.

Monroe Greenway Project

- We had a long discussion about aspects of the proposed traffic measures being suggested under the consultants' plan for traffic calming. Of particular contention is the proposed partial diverter at 42nd and Monroe. This concern was also raised at last month's meeting when Brett Kolver, Planning Department and Monroe Greenway project manager, attended. Pertinent City staff are requested to obtain a baseline of traffic data to investigate the impact of diverting traffic from Monroe onto alternative streets. **Action: Chief Bartol; Chris Ortolano; affected NDAs to email Jason Rice asking for traffic data collection.**
- The link on the City's website about this project is not very informative and in places has not been updated to include changes that came out of the last Open House.
- Chris Ortolano said the consultants are on a fast track to continue their work by the end of June, which is the end of the period the ODOT grant pays for their services. He said the planning is about 2/3 complete. There is a final Open House planned for public participation in June.
- Angel suggested that the final plan could include comments or markings that indicate phasing of the street treatments that reflects the treatments will not all occur immediately.

Sub-Committee Reports

- **PMLR** – Tonight was the last Citizens Advisory Committee meeting for the Orange Line. He said the Quiet Zone begins May 1st and traffic lights and other traffic changes around the Lake Road station are causing a fair bit of confusion while drivers familiarize themselves with the changes.
- **Safe Routes to School** – nothing to report this month
- **Preparedness month** – Linda asked if the group was interested in sponsoring a viewing and presentation of OPB's new documentary about Earthquakes and Preparedness. There was agreement to go ahead with planning this event,

which would also include some tables for American Red Cross, CERT and State Farm for preparedness information. Linda also suggested that Council should be requested to make a Proclamation for the observance of Preparedness Month in September.

NDA Issues – none

- Mary distributed nametags for PSAC members to wear when attending meetings, attending events or staffing information tables, which she feels will enable people to understand better who we are and what we represent. (\$7.50 each – Mary said she would pay for them since it was her idea, but members are encouraged to help her pay the cost.) New member Kit Donnelly needs to have one ordered.
- Linda asked about the proposed woonerf (vone-urf) on 19th Street in the Island Station neighborhood. Chief Bartol said it had to do with the neighborhood not wanting sidewalks on 19th Street, Planning Department regulations about installing sidewalks for newly built houses as it applies to a new residence located at 19th and Sparrow, use of FILOC instead, and the connectivity between Spring Park, Eagle Park, the Riverfront and downtown. A woonerf is a Dutch term which describes streets designed as shared space not just for vehicular mobility, which allows the mix of pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers over a specific distance and with specific road markings. In some countries and in some American cities restaurants put tables and chairs at the edges which also reinforces the need for very slow driving speed and awareness of others using the street. Generally the design does away with continuous curbs and merges former walking and driving areas into one. For reference Google www.sta-design.com/what-is-a-woonerf. and <https://www.planning.org/divisions/transportation/papercompetition/2013/collarte.pdf>
- It is more commonly used in commercial street design but has been gaining popularity in the US for use in residential areas as well.
- The Chief was asked how he thought the proposed residential parking management plan around the PMLR stations would impact the PD. He said that dependent upon the frequency of enforcement desired and the physical boundaries of the plan it may be necessary to hire a full-time enforcement officer to enforce it. At this time there is only 0.5 FTE of a code enforcement officer for parking and his area is only for downtown.

Public Participation – there were no members of the public in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Draft minutes pending approval at May 28, 2015 meeting.
Submitted by Linda M. Hedges, Secretary