

Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

September 25, 2014

Present:

Mary Weaver, Chair – Hector Campbell Neighborhood Association

Linda Hedges – Secretary and Member At Large

Don Wiley – Linwood Neighborhood Association

Pepi Anderson – Lewelling Neighborhood Association

Chris Ortolano – Member at Large

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

Angelene Falconer – Member at Large

Battalion Chief Scott Carmony, CFD#1

Chief Steve Bartol – Milwaukie PD

Apologies: Megan Elston-Power– Island Station Neighborhood Association;

Sue Richardson – Lake Road Neighborhood Association

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Chair Weaver.

Mary asked if everyone had read the minutes from the August meeting. Ray Bryan moved to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Chris Ortolano and they were approved unanimously.

Clackamas Fire District #1

- Battalion Chief Carmony reported that September is Emergency Preparedness month and there is an Emergency Preparedness seminar on Tuesday, Sept 30th 6 to 8pm at Clackamas High School.
- During October focus will be on Fire Prevention. A number of open houses will be held at fire stations. Information will be posted on the Clackamasfire.com website.
- CFD#1 will again operate Operation Santa this year. More details will be available on the CFD website soon.
- October 14th CFD#1 will give a presentation at the Milwaukie Museum on the history of the fire department. More details will be provided soon.

Milwaukie Police Department

- Chief Bartol reported that the department has hired Kenny Simac for a full-time position. He will be starting at the academy in October. His swearing in will be 1pm at the PSB on October 6th. Two officers currently at the police training academy will graduate in November and will then undergo several months of supervised field training. Officer Sterling will be retiring in November. Two more hires currently in background will bring the department to full staffing. He would like to be able to return an officer to Tri-Met, who pays for the positions filled by our officers.
- In response to a question by Linda Hedges, the program known as Road Home, a 3 month test project in collaboration between NW Housing Alternatives and Milwaukie Christian Church that allowed one family at a time to park the car they are living in behind the church overnight has ended. There were two families, no problems, but due to insufficient staffing availability to support it the program has ended.

- DPSST (Department of Public Safety Standards and Training) in Monmouth has offered to do a tour of their facilities if we would like to do so.
- Mary asked if there was any progress on our getting a student representative from MHS to serve on our committee. That has not yet occurred.
- Chief Bartol asked how we would like to spend the \$10,000 per year allocated for PSAC's discretionary spending on traffic safety projects from the court's adjudicated photo radar van citations. After some discussion Pepi Anderson moved to support buying one digital speed sign and to investigate other possible equipment purchases. Don Wiley seconded the motion, which was approved. Chief Bartol had mentioned investigating the cost of solar-powered digital speed signs and he was asked to continue to do so for a possible future purchase. Currently one digital speed sign will cost about \$4500, and there are additional annual costs for maintenance and software. This purchase will bring us to 5 signs to rotate around 14 locations.

Portland Milwaukie Light Rail report:

- Ray reported that Tri-Met will attend our October meeting to discuss educational efforts prior to PMLR. There have been no new CAC meetings.

Sub-Committee Reports

- Safety Education
 - a) Linda mentioned that our 2014-15 Work Plan states that we will undertake two projects related to Safety Education. She suggested that one could be the CFD#1 File of Life distribution to our neighbors through the NDAs. This is a magnet that has inside of it a sheet that is completed by the occupant(s) of the home with their medical information. The magnet is stuck on the refrigerator and local EMTs and fire personnel know to look there for a patient's medical information. This project was agreed; **Linda will contact CFD#1 to obtain supplies of the magnets.** Ray suggested that CFD#1 post the form on their website so when medication or conditions change for someone they can download and complete the form.
 - b) Another possible project would be education efforts for PMLR. Angelene Falconer mentioned that Tri-Met already has posters on "If you See Something, Say Something" which we could possibly distribute downtown.
- Domestic Violence Awareness
 - a) Mary Weaver reported that Amanda Castellano and Angelene Falconer completed an article combined with the Chief's Corner article for the October Pilot.
 - b) A scarecrow design draft was displayed.
 - c) There will also be a proclamation made by City Council on October 7th in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness month. Chief Bartol has invited the Director of Clackamas County Women's Services to attend Council that night to explain a little about their program and how all police agencies in Clackamas County have now been trained on standard domestic violence assessment protocols that will enable officers to better serve victims of domestic violence.
 - d) **Suggested to send NDA Leadership a request to announce at October meetings notice of the article in the October Pilot and to mention the awareness campaign. Chief Bartol will also mention it as he attends all the NDA meetings each month.**
- Safe Routes to School
 - a) The Linwood PTO has completed a survey to identify problem spots around Linwood Elementary for those children who walk or bike to school. A small

Oregon SRTS grant was received to help them do the survey and distribute materials. There is collaboration between the NDA and the PTO on this project.

Action: Angelene Falconer to email the completed Action Plan to all of us.

- b) Chris Ortolano mentioned that the first Wednesday in October is Walk to School Day. He asked if anyone was interested in organizing an event but there were no takers.
- Monroe Greenway Project
Chris Ortolano reported that the Committee had a tour of the route via bicycle. They now have a handout describing the several zones on the route, with characteristics and noted problems in each zone.

Clackamas County Resolution Services

- Clackamas County Resolution Services is a free or low-cost county mediation service provided free to citizens. It includes foreclosure intervention, couples mediation, neighbor-to-neighbor dispute resolution, small claims mediation and veterans' services. They also train mediators to be able to work in communities.

Walk Safely Milwaukie Program

There was some discussion about this still being an existing program that needs to be funded by Council. NDA reps are asked to go back to their NDAs and check that outstanding projects are still the projects they want or if they want to submit a new project. It was agreed to postpone this project to a future date, perhaps January. Chief Bartol suggested that we invite an engineer to attend that meeting.

Action: NDA reps discuss with their NDAs

Beacon Program

Linda explained the concept of this program, which is meant to provide for caches of communication equipment in 5 to 7 locations around the City which would be staffed by trained volunteers to facilitate communication to the EOC if infrastructure goes down following a major earthquake. The EOC could send out information on where shelters are open and other assistance availability while the neighborhoods would relay damage locations, request for assistance, and other pertinent information. Pepi asked if CERT teams would staff these locations and Linda explained that other volunteers will be recruited and trained by the City. Chris Ortolano mentioned a drill run in Portland by their Emergency Management which used cargo bikes as a means of communication. **Linda will contact PBEM for more information.**

NDA Issues:

- Sue Richardson had sent a request for information on whether there is an ordinance that prohibits skateboarders from using the bike paths. She had observed dangerous behavior by boarders near Rowe. There is no ordinance prohibiting their use of bike paths, in fact it is preferable to their using the street or sidewalks.
- Dogwood Park has been experiencing kids using the park to smoke during lunch period; they are leaving litter. There is also evidence of homeless people using the lower end of the park. More patrols were requested and for the SRO to check more often.

The meeting closed at 8:12pm.

Draft minutes pending approval at October 23, 2014 meeting.

Submitted by Linda M. Hedges, Secretary