

Minutes approved by the Public Safety Advisory Commission on 4/26/2017

1. ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Drue Garrison at 7:31 am.

Members Present: Anne Niven, Jayne Cravens, Tom Epler, Drue Garrison, Ryan Duve and Jody Sandstrom

Members Absent: Glenn VanBlarcom

Liaisons Non-Voting Representatives Present: Guy Storms (arrived 7:35), Nick Chan, Tim Rippe, and Rob Farris.

Others Present:

Janie Schutz, Michael Kinkade, Patrick Wineman and Kara Finn.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Self-Introductions were made.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 22nd, 2017 MEETING MINUTES.

Moved by Jody Sandstrom, seconded by Anne Niven. **Motion carried 6-0**

5. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

6. STAFF REPORTS

Police Department- Chief Schutz referred to the FG Police Memorandum. Some highlights include:

- Captain Herb attended a listening session with Unite Oregon along with Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum and Rep. Susan McClain at the Hillsboro Public Library last Tuesday evening.
- Chief Schutz was one of the speakers at the Northwest Leadership Conference in Portland.
- Interviews for a Code Enforcement Officer begin next week
- Chief Schutz attended the Homeland Security Leadership Academy in Georgia at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. Natural disaster was a key topic.
- Captain Herb attended a Q7A session with Immigration officials at Centro Cultural.

There was a roundtable discussion regarding local homeless individuals.

Fire Department – Chief Kinkade reviewed the Fire Chief Report and outlined highlights.

- Life Flight was landed at Ace hardware for a call with a pedestrian and vehicle. Unfortunately the patient did not survive the accident.
- February 29th, Jordan Ruiz was promoted to Lieutenant.
- There were multiple water rescues in the month of February on Fernhill where drivers ignored the road closure signs.
- The budget process has begun with five separate governmental budgets, (Cornelius Rural and City, Forest Grove Rural and City, and Gaston Rural).
- Forest Grove Rural Fire Protection District met and decided that they would sell their portion of the Dog Park and Gales Creek property to the City of Forest Grove. The police department's generator has not been working for the last nine months. An agreement was made between the City and Rural Fire District to assist with buying a new generator that will power both the Fire and Police department.
- Chief Wineman is working on coordinating a local basic EMT class with Washington County EMS and Metro West.
- Update on the Fire Authority: the second of two work sessions occurred and updated presentations were given to each rural fire district.

City Council – On February 27th, the Council's goals and objectives were passed by resolution. Six objectives that were discussed:

1.9 Latino and Ethic Outreach

1.10 PD Strategic Plan

2.11 Implementation of the Levy Renewal Process

2.12 Fire Authority IGA

2.14 Police Department Facility

3.18 Emergency Preparedness

The above objectives match up with one of the three goals which the Council would like to focus on. These will impact PSAC as the Council will most likely ask for input in the future.

The 2016 Citizen Survey results were presented to the Council on Monday. The survey showed that the top four sources that the community gets their information from is the utility bill, News Times, Facebook and the City website.

The top five policy issues that citizens are concerned about: Growth and Density, Economic Development and Job Creation, Affordable Housing,

Homelessness, and Public Safety.

The annual town hall meeting results were presented to the Council on Monday as well. There was a roundtable discussion regarding the results and the need to get more citizen input for the future.

Additionally, there was a presentation on homelessness in Washington County. A slide that specifically addressed Forest Grove/Cornelius showed that as of January 2017, there are 38 people that are homeless in the area.

Affordable Housing- Anne Niven reported on the affordable housing committee survey that went out with the utility bills along with a link on the community Facebook page. This commission is a temporary commission through May. They are looking for feedback from citizens regarding their housing challenges and needs.

The commission has been discussing remedies and methods to deal with making housing more affordable. Increasing density is one of the main ideas, along with the possibility of changing zoning, tiny/cottage housing, and adding affordable housing to all plan developments.

Rent control is not a possibility right now. Most likely if this becomes an issue in the future; we will watch Portland do it first before applying it to the local area. The majority of discussion involves planning and development solutions.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

Review Bylaws-

MOTION TO APPROVE EXISTING BYLAWS. Approval of bylaws as reviewed. Moved by Anne Niven, seconded by Tom Epler. **Motion carried 6-0.**

For the good of the order- There was a roundtable discussion regarding proper etiquette when it comes to advocating as a PSAC member.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING** – April 26, 2017 at Forest Grove Fire Department.

9. **ADJOURN**

Recorded & submitted by Kara Finn, Administrative Assistant