



**Minutes of the
Public Safety Advisory Board
March 21, 2023
3:00 p.m. – Police Department
Administration Conference Room
10 NE Tudor Road, Lee's Summit, Missouri**

3:02 p.m. Vice Chairman Pryde called the Public Safety Advisory Board to order.

ROLL CALL:

Council Liaison Fred DeMoro	Present	<u>Staff Present:</u>	<u>Guests:</u>
Chairman Neil Ullery	Absent	Fire Chief Mike Snider	Absent
Vice Chairman Jim Pryde	Present	Asst. Fire Chief Jim Eden	Present
Board Member Fred Pickard	Present	Chief Travis Forbes	Present
Board Member Kenneth Davis	Present	Major Cary Colyne	Present
Board Member Bruce Trammell	Present	City Traffic Engineer	
Board Member Bill Morrow	Present	Susan Barry	Absent
Board Member Mark Leetch	Absent	Chief Counsel of Public Safety – Civil law	
Board Member Randy Johnson	Present	Beth Murano	Present
Board Member Jennifer Nussbeck	Absent		

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dale Coy had a good experience with the fire department transporting his wife. Appreciative of their service and professionalism.

2. BOARD COMMENTS:

No board comments.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board member Ken Davis motioned for approval, Randy Johnson seconded the motion. Any known issues on bonds being approved? No issues, but a lot of information to give out to voters. Davis question for DeMoro any known controversy? Some have made some social media posts trying to give other information. Question was raised how much the board can promote this in their capacity? Comment from Murano: we can answer questions and make comments as citizens of Lee Summit, not as a PSAB board member.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve February minutes was made by Ken Davis, Bill Morrow seconded.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Animal Control –

No issues to report.

B. Miscellaneous Issues –

No issues to report.

C. Ordinance Review

No issues to report.

D. Tow Committee –

Board Member Pickard: Questions about the new tow contract. It renews 2023 and expires 2024. Make sure vendor has right permits to operate in the State of MO. Someone from purchasing will be in the next tow committee meeting. Include more specifications in regards to max weight, mileage etc.

E. Traffic Safety –

Councilman DeMoro – he has contacted MODOT in regards to pothole issues especially on entrance and exit ramps throughout the City

6. OLD BUSINESS:

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Board Member Pickard - Melody Lane (where the old Applebee's is located) needs to be repaved.

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. Fire Department – Assistant Fire Chief Jim Eden

Busy month for February. Increase in medical calls, but other calls show similar to previous years. Congratulated employee milestones. Award ceremony 4/15 3pm at Abundant Life Church.

No tax increase bond issue information meetings continued this week – overall info presented seems to be received well.

4 new recruits started this week – part of the PSST. 10 more positions to be in effect in July.

Posting 2 new expansion positions for Fire/EMS dispatchers (communications specialist).

Stations 4 and 5 – making good progress.

RMS system to go in effect in April 2023; update to CAD system go live on June 20th.

Strategic plan – updated the Lee’s Summit Fire Department mission statement.

Board Member Johnson question: Are false alarms monitored differently? Eden – Yes, structure fire alarms are monitored differently and kept separate from false alarms.

Continued replacement of several ambulances - chasey shortage has delayed this process and costs keep increasing.

Acting captain academy – providing an opportunity to train potential supervisors by current supervisors.

Burn building – to be completed late 2023/early 2024 – used for training of real-life fire scenarios.

Fire department budget presented 3/16.

Question was raised about a fire at Maple and Main – appeared to be intentional. Charges were presented to county prosecutor and she declined to prosecute.

B. Police Department – Chief Travis Forbes

Increase in self-initiated calls. Introducing SNAP initiative to help decrease thefts from vehicles/homes. (will start north in Lakewood).

Question from Pickard: question on increase in thefts of KIA vehicles? Chief – it’s a known issue, manufacturing issue with making them easier to steal.

Animal control is close to fully staffed – they have had increase in calls for service.

Captain Scott Liles and Captain Mike Murray just graduated from Command School. Captain Murray was the class president.

PD Award Ceremony is April 20th

Captain Liles is a promotion funded by the PSST.

Officer Michael Isberg has been named CIT liaison.

PSST funded equipment – VR training systems. Automated LPR license plate ordinance presented to CDEC – goes before council April 4th (potentially). Surrounding cities already have it in place.

Comment by Vice Chairman Pryde: recently did a ride along, enjoyed it and was appreciative of the experience.

Question from Board Member Ken Davis – Any updates on enforcement with legalization of marijuana determining impairment? Currently, nothing that measures like alcohol. New e-bikes for bike patrol.

C. Public Works – Traffic Engineer Susan Barry

Council Liaison DeMoro: City officially applied for a traffic control tower at the airport due to increased traffic (3 year plan).

Stormwater rate utility – something new to propose.

9. ROUNDTABLE:

Board member Ken Davis' question to Chief Forbes in regards to staffing dispatchers. Chief – we are close to being full.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Board member Bill Morrow made a motion to adjourn with board member Fred Pickard seconding the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.