



**Minutes of the
Public Safety Advisory Board
April 18, 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	Present
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	Present
Board Member Mark Leetch	Present	Chief Counsel of Public Safety – Civil law	
Board Member Randy Johnson	Absent	Beth Murano	Present
Board Member Jennifer Nussbeck	Present		

Interim Chair Pryde welcomed back Council Liaison Fred DeMoro, Board Members Bruce Trammell, and Fred Pickard for another 3-year term.

1. ELECTION OF INTERIM CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Board member Bill Morrow nominated Vice-Chair James Pryde as Interim Chair. All were in favor of James Pryde as Interim Chair.

Ken Davis nominated Board member Randy Johnson as Interim Vice-Chair. Board member Bill Morrow second the motion. All were in favor of Randy Johnson as Interim Vice-Chair. Randy Johnson was not present for the meeting due to a work commitment, but the Board was informed he was aware and had accepted the nomination.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dale Coy mentioned he had recently been on the LSPD website and saw a most recent article from January of 2023. Then the next recent post was from April of 2021 and then October of 2020. He asked if perhaps there were no news from the police department. He would like to see the website updated more frequently. Chief Travis Forbes advised 2 new CIO's were hired and therefore will be updating the web site, but also referred Mr. Coy to all of the social media platforms the department posts on frequently. Mr. Coy advised that information on the website stays forever and social media goes away.

3. BOARD COMMENTS:

Board member Ken Davis advised the Historical Society display at the LSPD looks great. Also, that the town Marshall whose photograph is on display from 1888 is his grandfather.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board member Ken Davis motioned for approval, Fred Pickard seconded the motion.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve April minutes was made by board member Ken Davis, Fred Pickard seconded the motion.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Animal Control –

Appeal on dangerous dog case. Appeal was denied.

B. Miscellaneous Issues –

No issues to report.

C. Ordinance Review

No issues to report.

D. Tow Committee –

Board member Fred Pickard mentioned the city has 8 months left with the current tow contract with Ron's Tow. Major Colyne advised that the police department's tow contract will be moved from Administration to the Operation's Division (Traffic Unit) with the Major and Captain as the liaisons. He further advised that purchasing had already been contacted and a timeline was in place for the new Tow Contract and RFP.

E. Traffic Safety –

No issues to report.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

8. NEW BUSINESS:

Interim Chair James Pryde advised Neil Ullery resigned from his position as Chair due to health reasons. He suggested having a resolution written in honor of Mr. Ullery's service to the City of Lee's Summit and the Public Safety Advisory Board and signed by all members of the board.

Major Colyne advised that the Fire and Police Departments went in together to get Mr. Ullery a gift for his service to the community.

9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. Fire Department –Fire Chief Mike Snider

One anniversary celebrated at fire, 10-year anniversary for Casey Steer. Captain process was completed last month. There were 39 applicants for the Operations division. Twenty-eight accepted interviews. Eighteen moved on to meet with Chief. Four are paramedics and 14 EMT's. Out of 10 candidates, three accepted offers and will begin in July.

Stations 4 & 5 – Steel has gone up in price. However, Station 4 is catching up to Station 5. Steel will be delivered at the end of May with construction beginning in June.

Trucks - Several hours of training still needed with new trucks.

Twelve new hires in February completed training and 9 will be going in service on June 1st. Reserve ambulance will be working as well. Three staff members will begin the 24-hour Fire Prevention on June 5th.

Fire Department will be going to the council in mid-June for a new boat (is part of the proposed FY 24 budget). The current boat is not supportive of holding several rescue personnel and victim(s). Stations 4 & 5 will be made to house these. Twelve to eighteen months delivery time frame.

June 21st will go live on new CAD.

June 23rd through July 4th fireworks stands will be open.

HazMat & Tech Rescue regional evaluation program is being discussed. Central Jackson County, Independence, and Lee's Summit working to bring resources as 1 unit. Great training opportunities.

LSFD Live Burn Facility (training) at Station 7 is within 2-4 weeks to plans being finalized.

Assistant Fire Chief Eden

April was busy. Increase in number of fires. Nothing significant to report.

Illegal burns are up. Currently working with Beth Murano regarding habitual offenders of illegal burns and sending out letters to them.

Three fireworks displays were submitted for Raintree, Legacy Blast, and Lakewood. Lakewood's request is in process.

B. Police Department – Chief Travis Forbes

Currently nine officers down. The department is continually hiring. Several movements within. Amanda Geno transferred from the IMPACT group to CIO. Kelly Conrad transferred from Patrol to CIO. Both are doing great in their new positions. CIO Carmen Spaeth will be going to patrol as a new sergeant.

Public safety sales tax budget was presented last night. Looking at virtual reality training. Virtual reality training is more realistic with more options. More than just tactical resolutions.

Police Chief conference LPR's were discussed and are "game changers" when it comes to solving crime. Excited to bring to Lee's Summit.

Animal Control adding an officer and attendant. Calls have increased as has the Lee's Summit population.

Larcenies are down, unsure if related to the SNAP program, but work in that area continues.

South sub station will follow same as the fire department with bond funds.

Homelessness- MARC attempted to address with Jackson County and presented at last city council meeting. Concentration on mental illness and substance abuse. CIT Coordinator is doing an outstanding job in this area. Sequential intercept model, city has good approach. Board liaison DeMoro stated it was interesting discussing of homelessness and drug abuse.

Board member Bruce Trammel asked if the virtual reality was more portable. Chief Forbes advised the VR headset is an option but some people cannot use it. Major Colyne stated the VR is more interactive than what the officers are used to.

Police Week – Council has proclamation this week to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Interim Chair James Pryde commented mental health issues are difficult along with homelessness. The multi discipline way of handling is great. Chief Forbes stated it is extremely difficult to force someone to receive mental health services who needs it but does not want it.

Board liaison DeMoro inquired how Safe Passage is going. Chief Forbes advised it is going really well. He advised that soon there will be a “pretty good media blitz” regarding Safe Passage. LSPD is getting ready to push within the next 6 months. When active 3 years ago, impressed with the amount of people who showed up.

Sergeant attached at Lee’s Summit North had minor injuries from a fight at the high school. The LSPD does a thorough investigation when any use of force injury is claimed.

C. Public Works – Traffic Engineer Susan Barry

No new items for discussion.

10. ROUNDTABLE:

Board Member Ken Davis reminded board of a ceremony being held at the WWII memorial on Memorial Day at 10:00 a.m.

Board Member Bruce Trammell inquired on the timeline for the Farmers Market. Currently, there are inquiries regarding land. Icehouse coming down and whatever mediation comes of that and actually cleaning the land. Also, traffic study to figure out ingress and egress. Timeline possibly first quarter of 2025. Chief Forbes mentioned there was a presentation last week on preliminary plans.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Board member Ken Davis made a motion to adjourn with board member Fred Pickard seconding the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.