



**Minutes of the
Public Safety Advisory Board
October 19, 2021
3:00 p.m. – Police Department
Administration Conference Room
10 NE Tudor Road, Lee's Summit, Missouri**

3:00 p.m. Chairman Ullery called the Public Safety Advisory Board to order

ROLL CALL:

Council Liaison Fred Demoro	Present	<u>Staff Present:</u>	<u>Guests:</u>
Chairman Bruce Trammell	Present	Fire Chief Mike Snider	Absent
Vice Chairman Neil Ullery	Present	Asst. Fire Chief Jim Eden	Present
Board Member Fred Pickard	Present	Deputy Chief John Boenker	Present
Board Member Kenneth Davis	Present	Director of Public Works	
Board Member Jim Pryde	Present	Michael Park	Present
Board Member Bill Morrow	Present	Chief Counsel of P. S. – Civil law	
Board Member Fred Delibero	Present	Beth Murano	Absent
Board Member Ken Carter	Absent		
Board Member Jennifer Nussbeck	Present		

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

2. BOARD COMMENTS:

No board comments.

3. APPROVAL OF ADENDA:

Vice Chairman Ullery requested approval of the Agenda. Board Member Fred Pickard moved to approve the Agenda with Board Member Kenneth Davis seconding the motion. The Agenda was approved with no-one opposed.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice Chairman Ullery requested approval of the minutes from the September 21, 2021 meeting. Board Member Fred Pickard moved to approve the Minutes. Board Member Kenneth Davis seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with none opposed.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Animal Control – James Pryde

No issues to report.

B. Miscellaneous Issues – Fred Pickard

No issues to report.

C. Ordinance Review - James Pryde

No issues to report.

D. Traffic Safety – Jennifer Nussbeck

No issues to report.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

There being no items to discuss, the Board moved onto New Business.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Vice Chairman Ullery announced the Liquor Ordinance submitted for New Business by the Police Department had been withdrawn for now.

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. Police Department – Deputy Chief John Boenker

Deputy Chief Boenker advised the renovation of the police department was complete. Thanks to those board members who attended the open house. DC Boenker advised of several command staff have retired to include, Major Curt Mansell, Captain Don Frizzell, and Captain Jim Green. With their retirements, there have has been some promotions. Cary Colyne was promoted to Major of Operations, Stephen Doogs was promoted to Captain of the day shift. And Michael Ervin was promoted to Captain of the evening and night shifts. These new roles within the department bring good morale.

The police department recently assisted the Independence Police Department with having LSPD officers and command staff work for the Independence Police to attend the funeral of fallen officer Blaize Madrid-Evans.

Special events are winding down for the season. The opening of Whataburger will be the next special event which will cause severe traffic issues however, the police department has a plan in place. Opening will be in mid-November.

Dogtoberfest which was sponsored by the Jackson County Parks & Recreation, brought in 2,000 lbs. of dog food for Animal Control, which is a big saving for the police budget.

The police department currently has a deficit of 17 officers. Seven vacancies with those individuals being in the police academy, the FTO program, or are out sick. November will have new officers after completing the FTO.

Communications Unit are also down 8 dispatchers. Monthly report from UCR to NIBRS. More normal like numbers pre Covid.

Workload assessment for new building based on calls in the 10 districts. Established calls for service. Senior living facilities has greater demand. Police will also go on medical calls with the Fire Department.

B. Fire Department – Asst. Chief Jim Eden

Asst. Chief Jim Eden advised the FD is currently in the process of accreditation. Assessors will leave on Thursday.

Three new swearing in will go to Medic school. Current hiring process for fire fighters and communications.

Several promotions within the FD. Mark Mallet was promoted to Captain, 1A Shift. Deputy Chief of Administration Brian Austerman. Deputy Chief of Operations Arby Todd.

Highlight of everything: Calls up by 11%. Fire calls are down. Mutual Aid calls are up. Crashes are down as well as Citizens Assist. There were no changes to the types of runs.

C. Public Works – Director of Public Works Michael Park

1. Down 7 of 26 operators.
2. City Traffic Engineer by early November
3. There are several applicants for Construction Manager.

Winter snow plan usually in place with 1" of snow. This has been moved to 2" of snow. It usually takes 20 hours to get to all residential streets and 8 hours to treat. This change in plan will help with employee fatigue. Without volunteers the plan would not work.

Amended ordinance to allow encroachment on the right of way. Revised to allow scoring of pavement to delineate legal property – sidewalk at least 5' on sidewalks. This

does impact public safety. In order to allow E-scooters, e-bikes, Domino Pizza - like vehicles on city streets and sidewalks ordinance had to be amended so a person in a wheelchair could get through. They have to follow all road and sidewalk rules. Mini scooters are same as bicycles, no driving/riding on shoulder or driving lane.

Golf carts are illegal to be driven on streets. City of Grain Valley allows carts to be driven in neighborhood streets as long as they have a valid driver's license. Proposing to allow carts be driven on neighborhood streets only with a valid driver's license. No state registration will be required but can get the cart registered at the PD for 2 years.

Fred Pickard asked if the owner would get a registration sticker. Director Michael Park advised the only proof of registration would be a receipt.

Kenneth Davis advised that a cart from 2800 SE Smith Drive drives through the streets with children in it. It was advised that the City of Lee's Summit cannot enforce that issue but rather Lakewood Property Owner's Association would have to.

Restrictions for night time driving will be low speed vehicles will be required to have lights.

Bruce Trammel mentioned the e-scooters blocking sidewalks in Lee's Summit and advised will call PD to tow. Director Michael Park suggested to contact the person or company from the contact information on the scooter and to allow them time to fix the issue.

9. ROUNDTABLE:

DC Boenker reminded all about Boos, Barks & Badges on October 30th.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairman Neil Ullery made a motion to adjourn with Board member with Kenneth Davis seconding the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.