



**Minutes of the
Public Safety Advisory Board
April 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 Neil Ullery	Present	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	Director of Public Works	
Board Member Bill Morrow	Present	Michael Park	Present
Board Member Mark Leetch	Present	Chief Counsel of P. S. – Civil law	
Board Member Randy Johnson	Present	Beth Murano	Present
Board Member Jennifer Nussbeck	Present	Deputy Fire Chief Arby Todd	Present

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dale Coy commented how he has been asked by LS citizens why he attends the PSAB meetings. He advised it is important that people show the importance for citizens to be represented in these meetings.

2. BOARD COMMENTS:

No comments

3. APPROVAL OF ADENDA:

Vice Chairman Ullery requested approval of the Agenda. Board Member Ken Davis moved to approve the Agenda with Board Member Fred Pickard 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 March 15, 2022 meeting. Board Member Ken Davis moved to approve the Minutes. Board Member Fred Pickard seconded the motion.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Animal Control – Bill Morrow

No updates on dangerous dog case. Tethering ordinance was passed in 2007. Tethering dogs outside for 30 minutes at a time. Not to exceed 3 hours in a day. Lee's Summit has the strictest ordinance regarding this issue. Should tethering be banned? Should fences be required?

B. Miscellaneous Issues – Fred Pickard

No issues to report.

C. Ordinance Review - James Pryde

No issues to report.

D. Tow Committee – Fred Pickard

No issues to report.

E. Traffic Safety – Jennifer Nussbeck

No issues to report.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

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

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8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. Fire Department – Assistant Fire Chief Jim Eden

Assistant Chief Eden advised calls are up by 20%. With the emergency medical calls being the #1 type of response calls.

Thanked all who attended the awards ceremony. A total of 639 years of service were recognized.

Communications Appreciation Week was last week and were recognized for all that they do.

Hiring process will continue to be open until April 31st. Advertising has been “jazzed up”. Job fairs have been well attended.

All Operations positions are full. Promotion process for Captain is in the application process. That position will be working with Deputy Chief Todd.

Costs continue to go up for Stations 4 & 5. Looking at where to make adjustments. Prevention Division have not done their annual inspections of businesses of over 3,000.

Chipman & 50 Hwy closed April 18th. Looking at how to get around during construction. Once completed however, will be great to have.

*Chairman Ullery interjected that the next PSAB meeting a new Chair & Vice Chair will need to be voted on.

B. Police Department – Chief Travis Forbes

Chief Forbes advised that the police department is actively recruiting and is doing amazing work. Currently 5 vacancies which are currently in the hiring process. Four call taker vacancies.

Looking around January 2023 for the tax funds from the passing of the tax initiative to be available. Priority for the funds, is how to spend the funds in the most practical way to serve the community.

Currently working on solving 2 homicides. One from Sonic and the other from 470 & Lakewood. The 470 homicide the vehicle was fired upon. The subjects were known to each other and we have an idea of who did it.

Suspicious death yesterday, April 18th, but it looks as if it is from natural causes.

Starting to see the M30 pill. This is a fentanyl pill which is being distributed around the area. Unlike other drugs, a first time use of this can and sometimes does cause overdose. This is a huge problem on the East coast. In Boston it's an overdose call after overdose call. This is like history repeating itself with methamphetamine. That started on the west coast and moved to Missouri. It's a concerning issue which we have partners with federal agencies helping with investigations.

Police awards ceremony will be April 21st @ 4:00 pm at Legacy Christian Church.

Fred DeMoro asked if recruits who graduated were hired. Chief Forbes advised the PD currently have people at the UCM and KCPD's academy. None currently from Blue River Community College. Also, several people from other departments.

Fred DeMoro asked if the PD are losing any people to KCPD or vice versa. Chief Forbes advised that KCPD are careful not to recruit our people while in the academy. But will try once out of the academy.

Fred Pickard asked if officers carried Narcan. Chief Forbes advised Lee's Summit officers carry Narcan however it does get stale after a while. There are grants to purchase Narcan every year or so to keep the inventory fresh.

C. Public Works – Director of Public Works Michael Park

Chipman Road will be closed for at least 5 months. This has caused 3rd & O'Brien to get congested. There will still be a lot of work to be done after it's opened. Another 8 months.

Big projects in the process is the processing facility of disposal of hazardous material. Will open in approximately 18 months. Second reading in Council regarding the relocation agreement with Missouri State Highway Patrol. MoDot on Colbern moved by 2024. Will take a year and a half to move.

End of June will lose Air Port Manager to retirement. Down a maintenance worker. Cannot get parts for maintenance.

Engineering department fully staffed. Operations division is down 4 people. Out of 26 positions down by four. Half of the workforce has been there for less than a year.

Jim Pryde asked about resurfacing Todd George between Wood Chapel this spring. However, there is equipment issue.

Randy Johnson asked if some of the work is outsourced, such as mowing. Which it was advised that all work is done by city employees.

There were more Public Works employees in 2006 than there are today.

Jennifer Nussbeck asked where the new fire station will be located. It was advised that station # 4 will be North of the Lakewood area by Lakewood Animal Hospital. Station # 5 will be by 150 & Rigatta. There is no time frame for completion since the costs keep going up and adjustments are being made. Woods Chapel fire station will close.

9. ROUNDTABLE:

Jim Pryde commented how nice the Fire Department's awards ceremony had been. The history was really interesting.

Jennifer Nussbeck congratulated the Fire and Police departments for the passing of the half cent sales tax. Citizens were well informed.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Neil Ullery made a request to adjourn. Board member with Kenneth Davis motioned to adjourn with Board Member Fred Pickard seconding the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.