



**Minutes of the  
Public Safety Advisory Board  
June 21, 2021  
3:00 p.m. – Police Department  
Administration Conference Room  
10 NE Tudor Road, Lee's Summit, Missouri**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Liaison Fred Demoro	Absent	<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	Deputy Chief John Boenker	Present
Board Member Kenneth Davis	Present	Major Cary Colyne	Present
Board Member Bruce Trammell	Present	City Traffic Engineer	
Board Member Bill Morrow	Present	Susan Berry	Present
Board Member Mark Leetch	Absent	Chief Counsel of P. S. – Civil law	
Board Member Randy Johnson	Present	Beth Murano	Present
Board Member Jennifer Nussbeck	Absent		

**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No comments (Mr. Dale Coy submitted two talking points via email prior to the meeting. They were in regard to the responsibilities of the committee regarding the review of fire and police ordinances and the committees responsibilities as it pertained to citizen complaints. They were discussed further during Board Comments).

**2. BOARD COMMENTS:**

Board Member Pryde acknowledged that the speed device on Woods Chapel has helped with speeding issues. He appreciates the Police Department's work.

Park Ridge Community having issues with individuals doing donuts in cul-de-sac's where there are lots of children.

Major Colyne suggested calling the police department when this is occurring, as well as a review of Ring doorbells to obtain license plates. Possibly even posting on the Park Ridge Community Facebook page pictures of individuals.

**3. APPROVAL OF ADENDA:**

Board Member Ken Davis moved for the approval of the Agenda. Board Member Bill Morrow seconded the motion. The Agenda was approved with no-one opposed.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Board Member Bill Morrow motioned for the approval of the minutes from the April 19, 2022 meeting. Board Member Ken Davis seconded the motion.

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. Animal Control – Bill Morrow**

No issues to report.

**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.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

The elections for the Chairman and Vice Chairman had been postponed since the May PSAB meeting had been cancelled. It was advised that both Chairman Neil Ullery and Vice Chairman James Pryde would be happy to serve another term.

Vice Chairman James Pryde nominated Neil Ullery for Chairman. Board Member Bruce Trammell seconded the motion. Board Member Ken Davis nominated James Pryde for Vice Chairman. Board Member Fred Pickard seconded the motion.

Both Chairman Neil Ullery and Vice Chairman James Pryde remained in their respective positions.

Discussion regarding the orientation packet for new board members began with Board Member Fred Pickard mentioning that Dorothy Hedrick had been on the Ordinance Committee and would go through items which would cover changes. She would then go to the City Attorney, then the board.

Much discussion was had regarding the powers of the board and what responsibility they did and did not have in regard to citizen complaints. Vice Chairman Pryde advised the PSAB is a liaison between the citizens and the city.

A committee was established to review Ordinance 29 regarding the duties of the Public Safety Advisory Board. Group members are: Board Members Bruce Trammell, Fred Pickard and Randy Johnson. The group will present recommendations to the PSAB at a later meeting.

## **8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

### **A. Fire Department – Fire Chief Mike Snider**

The last hiring process brought 60 applicants. Sixty percent were from employee referrals. Several new hires and several retirements.

Assistant Fire Chief Jim Eden advised structure fire calls were down, however, EMS calls were up. There were 971 calls for service, which is a 5.42% increase from 2021.

Fire Prevention has started doing inspections again. Had stopped due to Covid. Fire Prevention has had 2,850 inspections this year.

Fireworks sales begin June 23<sup>rd</sup>. There are 18 firework's tents set up throughout the city of Lee's Summit. Daily inspections of tents are made, often several times a day. Inspections include that of bottle rockets, roman candles, parachutes, and missiles.

Lee's Summit requires a permit to discharge fireworks on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup>. Sixteen years or older are allowed to discharge; younger are required to have adult supervision.

Greenwood, MO will have a firework display this Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Legacy Blast will be on July 1<sup>st</sup>, Lakewood and Raintree fireworks display will be on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Vice Chairman Pryde asked if the passing of the sales tax would help with the upgrade of the Fire Department. Chief Snider advised that the tax revenue is only for new projects and of high priority.

**B. Police Department – Deputy Chief John Boenker**

Deputy Chief Boenker advised he participated in the Fire Department's promotional process. He advised all the candidates were well qualified.

Currently, there are 7 police officer vacancies. Each unit within the department has openings. The police department is still actively looking to hire. There are 6 candidates in the KCPD's academy. The PR campaign is working well for the police department.

Two officers have retired from Animal Control. Currently, Animal Control Field Supervisor Kevin Meyerhoff and Animal Control Manager Rodney Wagner are filling in for the vacancies.

There were 72 shifts for Downtown Days and personnel are now preparing for Legacy Blast and traffic control, as well as preparing for an increased call load for fireworks.

Board Member Bruce Trammell asked if the shortages were causing mandatory overtime. Fire Chief Snider responded yes. Deputy Chief Boenker advised that during the summer the SRO's (School Resource Officers) help with the shortages with manning. Mr. Trammell advised that he was not concerned with the financial aspect, but more so the morale and burn out.

Legacy Blast is not mandatory overtime, however, the police department has to post for it.

**C. Public Works – City Traffic Engineer Susan Berry**

Airport Manager is retiring. A replacement has not been announced but will be announced shortly after the manager's retirement.

Board Member Bruce Trammell asked about the bridge at 50 & Chipman and its progress. It is half way complete. There are some incentives to complete the job on time. The contractors are working to get it complete on time.

MoDot has received no complaints.

Traffic jams are occurring in unusual places.

**9. ROUNDTABLE:**

Jim Pryde inquired about parking passes for Legacy Blast Fireworks display. Major Cary Colyne will be looking in to the matter.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Vice Chairman James Pryde adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.