



**Minutes of the
Public Safety Advisory Board
September 20, 2022
3:00 p.m. – Police Department
Training Center
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	Present
Vice Chairman Jim Pryde	Present	Asst. Fire Chief Jim Eden	Absent
Board Member Fred Pickard	Absent	Asst. Fire Chief Brian Austerman	Present
Board Member Kenneth Davis	Absent	Dep. Chief John Boenker	Present
Board Member Bruce Trammell	Present	Major Cary Colyne	Present
Board Member Bill Morrow	Present	City Traffic Engineer	
Board Member Mark Leetch	Present	Susan Barry	Present
Board Member Randy Johnson	Present	Chief Counsel of Public Safety – Civil law	
Board Member Jennifer Nussbeck	Present	Beth Murano	Present

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

2. BOARD COMMENTS:

No board comments.

3. APPROVAL OF ADENDA:

Board member Randy Johnson moved for the approval of the Agenda. Board Member Bruce Trammell seconded the motion. The Agenda was approved with none opposed.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Board member Randy Johnson motioned for the approval of the minutes from the August 15, 2022 meeting. Board Member Bruce Trammell seconded the motion.

Meeting went off record temporarily for the Drone demonstration by Captain Michael Ervin and Detective James Brock.

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:

Board member Bruce Trammell began discussing the orientation packet for new PSAB members. He stated that on page 1 paragraph 2, it read that a member would serve as a liaison without voting rights. Chief Counsel Beth Murano advised that in 2012 it was changed to allow the liaison to have voting rights.

Beth Murano advised that under Duties of the members of the Advisory Board in paragraph 3, that was removed and “reserved” when it was revised in December of 2021.

Both Bruce Trammell and Randy Johnson requested that Beth Murano review the changes made by both and if all was in accordance City of Lee's Summit's ordinance, to notify Secretary, Martha Zamarripa so she could provide the approved packet to the board members at the next PSAB meeting.

Beth Murano advised she would be researching and looking into the bids and commissions regarding the roles and how to operate. Full city council adopts how boards and commissions operate. Examples: Council liaison with not having voting rights, what constitutes a quorum, voting without a quorum, etc. If city council changes, it will go to full city council. Anticipates more discussion on this matter.

Council Liaison Fred DeMoro stated there is a good chance this will go to full city council.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

No new business to discuss.

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. Fire Department – Fire Chief Mike Snider

The fire department hired a new Communications Supervisor, David Tucker who comes from the City of Independence with a very diverse background.

Anticipate groundbreaking for Stations 4 & 5 to be sometime in October. Construction to begin on Station 4 sometime in November/December. As some construction is completed in Station 4, they will move on to Station 5. Stations should be completed by the end of 2023.

Nine pumpers were ordered to replace in Fire Department's fleet. Ladder trucks were ordered a year ago August. Trucks will be done by end of 1st Quarter, next year.

Public Safety Sales Tax – continue to meet with the Police Department. Hope to bring initiative to the next PSAB meeting.

Assistant Fire Chief Jim Eden –

August had 1,039 calls for service and still seeing an increase. Trends increased are emergency medical calls, and crashes.

Board member Randy Johnson asked Assistant Chief Eden what the Fire Department was focused on, such as what trends, types of fires and how that affects the prevention program.

AC Eden stated that with Google fiber they saw an increase in gas lines and Co2 calls. The monitor hazardous incident calls and continue to watch an increase in car fires. Are they involving car batteries? Does the Fire Department need to change their training?

Board member Jennifer Nussbeck asked about updates on trucks and delays and if there was a guarantee of the vehicles being delivered in 24 months. Fire Chief Snider did not think there was any guarantee. He advised there were 2 ambulances ordered but has no idea of when they will be delivered.

B. Police Department – Deputy Chief John Boenker

The Police Department has a constant open process for officer and dispatcher hiring. More resources internally. There are 5 vacancies for officers and the candidates for

those were moving along in the hiring process. There are 16 additional officers in training, whether in the academy or in the FTO program.

Dispatch has 7 vacancies for dispatchers and 3 vacancies for call takers. Problem with dispatch is recruitment and retention. There are 5 very qualified candidates for Communications Supervisor.

Crime statistics are fairly consistent. There were 8,200 calls for service. Stealing with open garage doors are an issue. Suggest talking to HOA and neighbor to neighbor. Vehicle stolen from garages by keys left in cars.

Board member Bill Morrow asked if there was grant money for HOA to put up security cameras. Advised that Summerfield has sign saying they have security cameras. Bill Morrow advised some departments are getting funding for identifying catalytic converters. Deputy Chief Boenker stated he had not heard anything about that. He advised the PD had made 3 arrests recently with 5 catalytic converters recovered.

C. Public Works – Traffic Engineer Susan Barry

Hired new Assistant Airport Manager. Unable to provide name as it has not been made public.

Snow Rodeo was last week. New this year was turn by turn system.

9. ROUNDTABLE:

Board member Randy Johnson advised that September 12 is National Women Police Officers Day.

Board member Jennifer Nussbeck mentioned a neighbor is having their home renovated. At approximately 0600 hours she noticed on her Ring doorbell several officers at her neighbors. Was glad she was able to speak to one of the officers who responded. Positive interaction.

Board member Bruce Trammell asked Deputy Chief Boenker if the PD paid bonuses for hiring. DC Boenker responded that the PD does not pay bonuses.

Board member Bill Morrow wanted to give a “shout out” to 2 men working the airport on a Friday evening. He said they took the time to talk to his 9-year-old grandson.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Board member Bill Morrow made a motion to adjourn with board member Bruce Trammell seconding the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.