



**Minutes of the
Public Safety Advisory Board
November 15, 2022
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	Absent	<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	Present
Board Member Fred Pickard	Present	Caroline Wiggins – Fire	Present
Board Member Kenneth Davis	Present	Chief Travis Forbes	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	Absent
Board Member Randy Johnson	Absent	Chief Counsel of Public Safety – Civil law	
Board Member Jennifer Nussbeck	Present	Beth Murano	Present

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lee's Summit resident Dale Coy was on Next-door on the 10th of November. Someone posted about finding a Glock 40. There ensued a bunch of comments and speculation on how it got there as well as what the PD might do with the handgun found in the ditch. He did not see a comment from the Police Department. That got him thinking about what the PD policy is about social media. He knows the City is on Nextdoor, but hasn't seen the PD. He thought it might interest PSAB to potentially become a part of that and have a social media presence.

2. BOARD COMMENTS:

No board comments.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Bill Morrow motioned for approval, Mark Leetch seconded the motion.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of September PSAB meeting was pushed to the November meeting due to not enough board members to make a quorum. Kenneth Davis suggests the board approve the September and October minutes. Bill Morrow motioned to approve the September minutes. Kenneth Davis seconded the motion.

A motion to approve October minutes was made by Kenneth Davis. Bill Morrow asked if there was a quorum. Jim Pryde did not believe the board had a quorum, but pointed out that there wasn't a vote. Beth Murano stated there can be minutes even though no action was taken. The motion to approve was seconded by Bill Morrow.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Animal Control –

No issues to report.

B. Miscellaneous Issues –

No issues to report.

C. Ordinance Review - James Pryde

No issues to report.

D. Tow Committee –

No issues to report. Fred Pickard mentioned he receive a phone call the previous night about good service a citizen received from the tow company. Ken Davis asked if it was a police tow. Fred Pickard confirmed it was in fact a police tow.

E. Traffic Safety –

No issues to report.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

No old business to discuss.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation of the Public Safety Sales Tax presented by Police Chief Travis Forbes and Fire Chief Mike Snider.

Kenneth Davis asked, with the 3rd Captain in Patrol, who is the “Chief” in the wee hours of the evening? Chief Forbes indicated that the highest-ranking person on shift might even be a Sergeant.

Jennifer Nussbeck asked, Mobile Command Post, do we not currently have one? Chief highlighted the needs of having our own for local needs, like Downtown Days and other community events as well as disaster relief, emergency response and mutual aid.

Bruce Trammel asked, what is the anticipated Sales tax Revenue growth per year with COVID? And how long will the building renovations last before we need to grow again. Chief Forbes indicated that there are things we weren’t able to do with the initial project, i.e. Evidence bay for cars. Bruce Trammel also asked if the PD is thinking about a substation? Chief Forbes assured him that the goal is to get a station down south to reduce response times. He also indicated that the City is being very conservative in their revenue predictions.

Jennifer Nussbeck asked Snider, where will we see our new Fire Personnel come from? Snider responded that the FD that most of their new personnel come with Fire 1, 2, EMT or Paramedic, etc. They historically required applicants to have those certifications even before applying. Now, if you’re in the program, you can apply, but you have to have those certifications by the time you get an offer. Others come from other organizations, others are in Blue River, vocational schools, and other training programs.

Kenneth Davis asked if the Police Records Supervisor is days only? Chief Forbes confirmed.

Chief Snider circled back to indicate that the average growth/year on the Sales and Use Tax is 4%. The FD and PD are currently working with 2%.

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. Fire Department – Fire Chief Mike Snider

Personnel meeting milestones. 2 employees are celebrating 5 years with the department.

One resignation with 15 years who left for another profession. Rumors of another with 20 years of service. Preparing for a Captain process.

Vacancies: 1 in Operations. 4 CMS. Firefighter and Firefighter/Paramedic opening.

Open House will be on Nov 19 from 10-4 at Station 3 for potential new personnel.

“Fire Up Your Future” slogan from Creative Services is the current hiring campaign.

Annual physicals, which is voluntary, average about 80 out of 160/165 total employees. They are now using a new company, Lifescan, which offers ultrasounds from chin to groin. This year, they’ve gone from 80 employees signing up to 130. This is a lesser cost for better service and required a budget amendment due to the increase in enrollment.

1,400 members. City of Lee's Summit entered into the agreement. 5 years in Fire Service. Covers up to 15 years after leaving or age 70. Payout is based on the type and Stage of cancer, max of \$300,000. They can still apply for workman's comp (only one success in Missouri history). Workman's comp lowers the program payout. Payout within 10 days of diagnosis and claim submission.

The groundbreakings for Stations 4 and 5 were well-attended. Equipment will be at Station 4 in the next couple of weeks and then transition to Station 5 about 3 to 4 weeks later. Substantial completion is expected by the end of 2023.

The ladder trucks that were ordered a year and a half ago are now on the line. Inspections will occur in Wisconsin in February.

Assistant Fire Chief Jim Eden –

Numbers for October, overall up on everything. Down on structure fires. Weather conditions had an impact. Illegal burns were up. Assisted Fort Osage. Oct 23rd, assisted KCFD with the fire by View High. Up in all areas over last year. October had 9,902 calls, 4.96% increase over last year. Station 1 and Med 1 were the busiest. Station 3 and Med 3 were second.

Bill Trammel pointed out that the mulch fire at View High is still smoldering, what are the chances of it igniting again? Jim Eden said it was probably likely. Mulch piles create heat, which is why we don't allow it in Lee's Summit. It could continue to smolder and eventually re-ignite or it could be ignited by discarded smoking materials.

Kenneth Davis asked if John Knox run their own ambulances. Jim Eden and Chief Snider confirmed. They do the majority of non-emergency transport. According to Chief Snider, JKV ambulance has a call volume of about 5,000 with LSFD doing about 400-500.

B. Police Department – Chief Travis Forbes

Motor Vehicle Thefts were down this month and are down this year. Car larcenies are up, which is a metro-wide issue. Response times are getting back to normal on day shift.

There are currently 9 police officer vacancies. That includes the Council-approved 6 additional positions in anticipation of the Tax. For a police recruit with no experience, it takes about 1 year from hire date until they hit the road by themselves. If they have experience, it's about 4 months. Several have left the profession. However, the department has recently hired one from Raytown.

KCPD Academy graduation is this Friday (November 18).

There are 8 vacancies in Communications. We recently hired the Supervisor from IPD. One dispatcher is following. Another from Grandview. All start on the 28th.

LSPD will soon announce an initiative on car larcenies. If there is an increase in an area, officers will canvas to get the word out. Officers will start to audit neighborhoods. The majority of thefts are from unlocked vehicles with valuables in plain sight with the keys in. We're going to make people in those areas aware of an increase. Those prosecuted are mostly misdemeanors and we will start publicizing those.

As for our Social Media presence, with the resignation of Ronnie Doumitt, the department is down to a single CIO who works 8 hours a day. It is hard to track social media unless someone tags us. In reference to the public comments, if a gun is found, we recover it and try to find the owner. If no owner is found, it is eventually destroyed.

Jim Pryde asked how the Police Involved Incident Team worked? Per Chief Forbes, it worked well. The purpose of the Team is not to decide if it's a good shoot or a bad shoot, their only purpose is to collect evidence and present it to the Prosecutor's Office.

Bill Morrow stated he has been going up and down Chipman daily and appreciates the traffic trailer.

Susan Barry mentioned the recent recreational marijuana passage. Asked if the police department is making any preparations for this? Chief Forbes explained the challenges. He admitted the PD doesn't have a good policy. The Law Department will have to re-write some criminal codes. Employment wise, it is still on the list of controlled substances and therefore, prohibited.

Kenneth Davis asked as to what is considered impairment? Per Chief Forbes, impairment is determined by standard field sobriety tests. Impairment due to marijuana is harder to prove than alcohol. It's problematic. There's no good way to test it. Beth Murano indicated that everyone has to apply for a recreational license, but the medicinal dispensaries will have a one-up on other establishments

Mark Leetch asked if it will be February until we see recreational in LS? Chief Forbes and Beth Murano both confirmed.

Mark Leetch asked if he understood correctly, that the pay tables that were aggressive just months ago are already met? Chief Forbes confirmed. LSPD led for a few months, but are now in line with FD and PD's everywhere. People are still coming to LS for other reasons, not just because of the pay.

Mark Leetch asked how many departments are paying bonuses? Chief Snider says the fire department is paying up to \$6k for retention for up to 3 years. The PD has a lateral entry program and no bonus program.

C. Public Works – Traffic Engineer Susan Barry

Fully staffed in Operations.

291/50 N interchange pushed to 2024 because the MSHP building is eligible for the National Registry for Historic Buildings. Fred Pickard would like to make that public so people understand its delay.

3rd Street AT&T duct bank is ongoing through February. It will re-open for a period, then shut down again.

Colbern Road widening will be announced in February.

Discovery Park, a billion-dollar development, at Colbern.

They are making progress on the sidewalk gap program. There is 1.5 million to address the issue.

Douglas St, from Chipman to 2nd, will be improved (curb and gutter, bike path, etc.) and is entering design phase.

Jim Pryde asked when Todd George will be re-striped. Susan Barry indicated that striping is very temperature dependent (it has to be 50 and rising), so it may be difficult now. She asked if there were reflective tabs at least. Jennifer Nussbeck says there's nothing and it's very difficult to see. Susan Barry will look into it.

9. ROUNDTABLE:

Kenneth Davis – We appreciate the PD and FD for taking part in the Veterans' Day.

Bruce thanked Chief Mike Snider for inviting them to the groundbreaking.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Board member Bill Morrow made a motion to adjourn with board member Kenneth Davis seconding the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.