

## Public Safety Advisory Committee

City of Greenbelt

Date/Time: October 3, 2017, 7:00 pm  
Greenbelt Community Center

### ROLL CALL:

**Committee Members Present:** Stan Zirkin, Cindy Comproni, Dr. Laura Kressler, Mary Thomas

**Liaison(s) Present:** Captain Tom Moreland

**Committee Members Absent:** William James, Matthew Inzeo, Eunice Pierre

**Visitor(s):** Kris White, Marge Tolchin

· *Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair, Cindy Comproni*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Stan Zirkin, Second by Laura Kressler to approve meeting minutes from 9/5/17 as submitted.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- **PSAC Brochure** will be printed by the City per Cindy Comproni.
- **PSAC Drug Drop Box** – The PSAC designed bilingual stickers were suddenly removed and replaced without notice at the end of August by a worker apparently sent by the KidCents program according to Captain Tom Moreland. The new stickers are not bilingual. The Police Department stickers and the PSAC sticker were not touched. We are waiting on ASC to replace our bilingual stickers. Laura Kressler is following up on this issue.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- **The Yellow Dog Project (TYDP)** was presented to the committee by Kris White and Marge Tolchin from the GHI Companion Animal Committee (See [TheYellowDogProject.com](http://TheYellowDogProject.com)). A handout was viewed (copy attached) that explained what a "Yellow Dog" represents. TYDP is a project to encourage dog owners to place a yellow ribbon or leash on their dog to indicate to others that their dog needs more space. The TYDP encourages public education to teach what a yellow ribbon, leash or other marker on a dog represents and why a dog might need more space. "Yellow Dogs" are not necessarily aggressive dogs. "Yellow Dogs" can be dogs in training, suffering from various health issues, being rehabilitated, or dogs that are scared or reactive around other dogs. Marge Tolchin gave a personal account about her own dogs to explain why TYDP is so important for some dogs. This account included how TYDP was implemented in an apartment building where she previously resided. Both Kris White and Marge Tolchin are encouraging the City of Greenbelt to implement this program within the City to assist dog owners and to increase safety around dogs. No decisions were made by PSAC about this project.
- **PSAC Work Session with City Council on Security Cameras** is on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 8:00 pm in the Municipal Bldg. All committee members are encouraged to attend.
- **Advisory Board/Committee Appreciation Dinner** is on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:00 pm in the Community Center.

- **Police Purchasing Military Equipment Concern** – Cindy Comproni shared that a petition was received from Elizabeth Gaines (13 Lakeside Drive) re: Police Equipment. The petition requests that military equipment not be used as part of our police department’s “arsenal”. There were 22 names on the petition. Captain Moreland stated there have been no recent purchases of military equipment by the Greenbelt Police Department and there are no plans to purchase any such equipment.
- **Indian Creek Stream Valley Trail (ICSV)** – Cindy Comproni shared that we were asked to evaluate the need for security cameras on the ICSV Trail. The question was asked as to whether we need to request a separate referral to look at this area separately from the completed current security camera referral. Cindy Comproni will inquire. It was noted that there is no electric power in this area to provide lighting or cameras. The discussion continued regarding the WMATA Trail Extension also being an area we will likely need to look at in the future.
- **Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC)** – Cindy Comproni shared that the SCAC had a forum and discussed various issues including safety at Roosevelt Center. Capt. Moreland made the recommendation that vapor lighting at RC be replaced with LED lighting to improve the visibility.
- Next meeting is December 5, 2017
- Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm
- Minutes submitted by Vice Chair, Laura Kressler