

Public Safety Advisory Committee City of Greenbelt

Date/Time: August 15, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Greenbelt Police Station

ROLL CALL:

Committee Members Present: Cindy Comproni, Dr. Kressler, Mary Thomas, Stan Zirkin, Matthew Inzeo, and Eunice Pierre. Also Present: Liaison Silke Pope, Greenbelt City Council. Absent was William James.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes from 7/10/2018 were approved as corrected for Vagrancy Update and Labor Day Festival.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vagrancy Update - Eunice Pierre recommended that PSAC explore some of the ideas Captain Pracht mentioned at the last meeting about addressing vagrancy, and determine whether PSAC should follow up with a written report to City Council. Cindy Comproni and Stan Zirkin discussed the role of Greenbelt Cares in providing assistance to the homeless. Dr. Kressler recommended that someone from Greenbelt Cares should be invited to speak with PSAC about their policies/guidelines regarding their work with the homeless. Cindy Comproni will follow up and ask City Liaison Mary Johnson to invite Greenbelt Cares to the October meeting.

LABOR DAY FESTIVAL - PSAC will have a booth on Saturday, September 1, 2018 during the Labor Day Festival. Dr. Kessler indicated interested volunteers can sign up through sign-up genius. Cindy Comproni stated it would be a good idea to create a suggestion box for the cell tower issue and to place it at the booth to gather comments from individuals.

LETTER TO CITY COUNCIL ON CELL TOWER - the letter was listed on the consent agenda and submitted at the last city council meeting.

OTHER - Cindy Comproni mentioned there will be a discussion about the security cameras at the next PSAC meeting and that Dave Worley, IT Director and Jeff Williams, City Treasurer will be in attendance to provide more information relating to funding of cameras and to address some questions GEAC raised in their letter about security cameras in Greenbelt East.

Cindy Comproni indicated the chairs of each committee met on July 11, 2018 for a work session. At the work session, it was stressed that meeting minutes should be posted as soon as possible after a meeting. There was also a discussion about updating the Code of Conduct for Advisory Board and Committee Members and suggestions are being solicited to update the Code. Matthew Inzeo suggested that the Code should be updated to address sexual harassment. Councilmember Pope indicated there is a current Greenbelt City Anti-Harassment Policy which is being updated.

NEW BUSINESS:

ELECTIONS - Elections were postponed until next meeting.

GREENBELT STATION PATH SAFETY & SECURITY - City Manager Nicole Ard requested PSAC address this issue. Cindy Comproni mentioned she had visited the path and that it was very nice. Matthew Inzeo suggested PSAC request mile markers along the path similar to the mile markers at Buddy Attick Park. PSAC members plan to meet to walk the path on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. PSAC

plans to review the planning for the path and meet with residents in the near future to determine their concerns.

PLANNING SESSION FOR FUTURE PSAC AGENDAS - PSAC members identified the following issues for future discussion: Cell tower; Vagrancy; Re-assessment of security cameras; Following up on the Yellow Dog Project; Amending smoking ban to address vaping in public spaces; Working with Greenbelt Fire department on issues such as smoke detectors, recruitment, and youth programs; Signage for trails/paths in Old Greenbelt; Stop the Bleed training and First Aid training.

Councilmember Silke Pope indicated Candace Cavin, Red Cross National Capital Area Disaster Program Manager for Prince Georges County and Montgomery County attended and shared a report at a recent city council meeting which was very informative. Councilmember Pope suggested PSAC invite Ms. Cavin to a future PSAC meeting.

OTHER – Cindy Comproni informed the group that Council said if there is no quorum at a future meeting, attendees can decide to hold a work session and provide a report.

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.