

## **Public Safety Advisory Committee**

City of Greenbelt

Date/Time: May 1, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Center

### **ROLL CALL:**

**Committee Members Present:** Stan Zirkin, Cindy Comproni, Mary Thomas, Matthew Inzeo, Eunice Pierre, Dr. Laura Kressler and William James

**Liaison(s) Present:** City Councilmember Silke Pope and City Liaison's Captain Pracht and Mary Johnson.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting minutes approved from April 3, 2018 as submitted.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Cell Phone Safety** – Dr. Kressler compiled a spreadsheet based on cell phone reception data from the Greenbelters Facebook page. Verizon and AT&T are the top two companies with complaints.

Cindy Comproni called Verizon and received a form to request a cell tower at the American Legion. Verizon also suggested the following solution:

- Network extender – if you are a Verizon customer they will supply them however there is an associated cost.
- Use Wi-Fi
- HD voice and advanced calling

Stan Zirkin suggested that PSAC write a letter to Council requesting a new cell tower. Cindy Comproni stated the carrier which installs the cell tower their customers will have priority. However, 911 calls always receive preference. Mrs. Comproni said she would e-mail the FTC about the cell coverage concern.

It was voted on that PSAC will write a letter to Council with a copy to Beverly Palau, Public Information/Communications Coordinator stating the concerns of citizens and the need for better cell coverage in the City.

**Narcan Training** – Flyers were distributed concerning Narcan training.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Drop Off Box/Amazon** – If the City offered a centralized delivery of packages for Greenbelt residents this would incur liability issues. For example, lost, stolen and damaged packages, hazardous materials being delivered and length of time for goods to be picked up. The City should not be responsible for delivery of packages.

Mary Thomas said that Safeway, located in Greenway Center, has approximately 30 Amazon locker drop off boxes. The individual can have the package delivered to Safeway; Amazon provides them with a number to retrieve their package.

There is an Amazon distribution center in College Park where you can go pick up your package.

Stan Zirkin stated he will write an article for the News Review stating where the Amazon Distribution Centers/Drop Off-Boxes are located.

Captain Pracht asked if grocery stores located in the City would be willing to accept Amazon packages. Cindy Comproni will ask at the next Merchants Meeting. Captain Pracht will post on the City's website the location of nearby Amazon Distribution Centers/Drop-Off Boxes.

**Advisory Board Work Session** – The Chairpersons will have a work session with Council at the end of the month to go over accomplishments and what the committee is working on.

**Not for Seniors Only** – One June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1 – 3 p.m. there will be a seminar for "Not for Seniors Only". Dr. Kressler suggested that PSAC present disaster preparedness, what should be in a disaster planning kit, disasters and pets. Cindy Comproni stated identify theft would be an idea too. The presentation would be approximately 15/20 minutes long.

**National Night Out** – National Night out will take place the first Tuesday night in August.

**Labor Day Booth** – Dr. Kressler will man the Labor Day Booth which will showcase CERT/CART/PSAC.

**Training** – Mary Thomas suggested training be held in first aid, CPR and AED. Dr. Kressler suggested "Stop the Bleed" training too.

**Homeless Issue** – Captain Pracht brought up the homeless issue in Greenbelt. Councilperson Pope said the City is working with Prince George's County outreach to help this situation.

Liz Park, Director of CARES will be asked if she can attend the next meeting in June.

- Next meeting is June 4, 2018
- Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm
- Minutes submitted by Mary Johnson