

Public Safety Advisory Committee Regular Meeting

April 8, 2015

ROLL CALL: The regular meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Committee was held at the Greenbelt Community Center and was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Present were Committee Members Matthew Inzeo, Laura Kressler, Eunice Pierre and Stan Zirkin. Also present was Captain Tom Kemp, Greenbelt Police Liaison and Councilmember Silke Pope. Absent were Committee Members James, Comproni and Thomas.

MINUTES: The minutes on March 3, 2015 were approved with corrections.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of the "PSAC Chair and Co-Chair Responsibilities" handout was tabled until the next regular meeting since Cindy Comproni, PSAC Co-Chair, is absent.

Mr. Zirkin asked what decision had been made concerning the proposal of stop sign cameras within the City. Mr. Zirkin suggested doing a pilot program within the City at certain problem intersections. Capt. Kemp stated that there did seem to be some general support among community members for stop sign cameras. He suggested we consider asking Council to look at the issue. Several members suggested looking at crime statistics first in order to gauge the need. Dr. Kressler asked Capt. Kemp if it was possible to get a summary of citations for stop sign violations and accidents involving failure to stop for stop signs. He stated that would be possible and he would look into it. Councilmember Pope suggested we look into the possibilities of grants for a stop sign camera project.

NEW BUSINESS:

The PSAC budget for FY2016 was discussed. Dr. Kressler handed out a copy of the request she proposed be sent to Mike McLaughlin. The total amount requested is \$875.00, an increase over FY2015 of \$125.00. The increase is primarily to cover the purchase of a larger quantity of PSAC magnets and emergency whistle/key lights. There was general discussion of the amount and it was agreed to submit the request as written.

There was committee discussion on the future community out-reach projects. Several ideas were suggested by committee members including a Labor Day Booth, participating in the Fire Department's Open House, holding a Neighborhood Watch Training.

Dr. Kressler presented a proposal by CERT to create a Companion Animal Response Team to handle animal related issues that require evacuation of pets and owners from their homes during disasters or other major emergencies. A draft of the proposal was provided.

Mr. Inzeo stated there was a need for a speed camera on Hanover Parkway near Megan Lane as there are a lot of drivers speeding through this area.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

NEXT MEETING: May 5, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Community Center, Room 114.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7th at 7p.m.