

MINUTES
Pullman Police Advisory Committee
Pullman City Hall – Council Chambers
December 12, 2011 at 5:30 pm

The regular meeting of the Pullman Police Advisory Committee was held at 5:30pm on Monday, December 12th, 2011, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 325 SE Paradise Street, Pullman, Washington, with Committee Chair Arlene Parkay presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Arlene Parkay	WSU Staff & Faculty Representative (Chair)
	Marcus Crossler	WSU Staff & Faculty Alternate
	Barbara Hammond	College Hill Representative
	KNona Liddell	College Hill Alternate
	Zach Hays	Military Hill Representative
	Phyllis Stallcop	Sunnyside Hill Representative
	Al Sorensen	Business Community Representative
	Dan Hornfelt	Pullman School District Representative
	Rosemary Fleener	Pullman High School Parent Representative
	Wayne Popeski	Pullman At-Large Representative
Absent:	Richard Hume	Pioneer Hill Representative
	Greg Wilson	Pioneer Hill Alternate (Vice Chair)
	Kim Barrett	Multicultural Representative
	DaVina Hoyt	Multicultural Alternate
	Jordan Graham	ASWSU Representative
	Chelsea Humphries	ASWSU Alternate
	Bill Holman	Pullman School District Alternate
	Dalton Dice	Pullman High School Representative
Staff:	Chief Gary Jenkins	Pullman Police Department
	Elysia Spencer	Pullman Police Department

CALL TO ORDER Parkay called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. There was a quorum.

MINUTES The minutes from the October 10th meeting were ready for approval, but distributed too late for thorough review. They will be held until the January meeting for review.

REGULAR BUSINESS Chief Jenkins provided follow-up information on issues raised at the previous meeting:
Police Department
Update

- 2012 Budget was approved by City Council. \$5.6 million. Bulk of increase is due to mandatory salary and benefit increases.
- Staffing: Part-time Records Specialist Mary Ellen Martin announced that she is retiring. Last day is December 19th. The other 4/5 Records position is still in the recruitment, with second round of interviews occurring soon.

REGULAR BUSINESS
Police Department
Update

- Awards: WA State holds a “Night of 1,000 Stars” award banquet to recognize officers active in DUI and speed enforcement. Officer Heidi Lambley received an award for DUI enforcement, and Officer Carl Bell received an award for speeding enforcement. The awards are based on statistics of actual enforcement. The Pullman PD does not have a designated traffic division.

REGULAR BUSINESS
Credit Card Fraud in
Pullman

Local media coverage regarding the cases was distributed to members.

Chief Jenkins advised that the Pullman PD has received over 650 reports of credit/debit card fraud investigations since mid-September. The rate at which new cases are being reported has been slowing down. A member asked if the data breach is still occurring. Chief Jenkins advised that while investigators do not believe that the breach is still occurring, they cannot say so for certain. The department has been actively working with the Secret Service, and in spite of a recent newspaper article, the source of the data breach still has not been identified.

REGULAR BUSINESS
Safety Camera Initiative:
Host A Public Forum?

At the last meeting, Chief Jenkins advised that he would like to hold a series of public forums to solicit input from the community on the safety camera project and the draft video policing policy. Since that time,

- The College Hill Association has offered to host the first forum on January 18th at Stubblefields Bar & Grille.
- The Pullman League of Women Voters has offered to host the second forum on February 8th at Pullman City Hall.
- ASWSU has offered to host the third forum on campus in March (exact date TBD).

Representative from Pullman League of Women Voters extended invitation to co-host the February meeting with them. Committee members discussed the possibility for co-hosting a public forum, including meeting purpose and responsibilities of the Committee members at the meetings. Members expressed desire to be involved with as many of the meetings as possible.

*****VOTE*****

At 5:50 p.m., Parkay entertained a motion to co-host the February 8, 2012 public forum with the Pullman League of Women Voters. The motion for was seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS
Committee Fundraising

Follow-up discussion regarding whether the Committee can pursue fundraising activities to fund Committee activities and initiatives, including informational materials to distribute at Lentil Festival. A clarification email from the City Attorney was distributed.

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Committee Fundraising
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Spencer advised that the information clarified prior prohibitions on fundraising by the Committee as being a direct result of the fact that the Committee's official function does not currently include a fundraising function. The City Attorney advised that if the Committee wants to be self-sustaining and have options to invest in community safety projects, then the Committee needs to amend its Procedures & Guidelines document to include that duty.

Members discussed the question of duty and responsibility versus it just being an option when opportunity presents itself. Members also discussed concerns about how fundraising would work, including who tracks the funds and how it would impact the Committee's role with the Police Department rather than acting as an arm under city government. Several concerns were raised for follow-up at a future time.

REGULAR BUSINESS
Washington Marijuana
Laws & Enforcement

In response to an email question, Chief Jenkins provided the following information on marijuana laws and enforcement in Washington State.

Medical marijuana is an affirmative defense, which means you cannot arrest for someone for possession if that person has valid medical marijuana authorization. Personal possession is defined as a 60 day supply, which equals 24 ounces.

A new law passed this year requires a more significant relationship between qualifying patients and health care providers, including proving an ongoing and documented relationship between the health care professional and qualifying patient, as well as the need for a physical examination. It restricts health care professionals from engaging solely in medical marijuana authorizations, and restricts how they can advertise their services.

The Pullman PD saw a 32% increase in marijuana possession citations from 2010 to 2011 (126 to 166). Additionally, officers noted an increase in the number of students with medical marijuana cards.

Chief Jenkins advised that the department approaches marijuana enforcement like alcohol, because it impacts decisions and there are sometimes bad consequences from use. Officers do not go out of their way to look for it; but they enforce it when they find it. Officers typically find it when they're involved in other law enforcement activities, such as noise complaints, traffic stops, or public dispute calls

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In contrast, Chief Jenkins advised that in California, law defines possession of marijuana as 1 ounce or less. The punishment is an infraction; no arrest and a \$50 fine. There is no affirmative defense, and officers can only arrest for possession of over 1 ounce.

**CONSTITUENCIES
POLL**

- WSU Staff and Faculty: Finals week.
- College Hill: Nothing to report.
- Military Hill: When did part of Larry Street get renamed to Greyhound Way? Chief Jenkins advised that it was approved by City Council at a meeting in November.
- Pioneer Hill: No representative, but someone else advised of 20-30 fliers at the parks on Kruegel and Reaney Way.
- Sunnyside Hill: Nothing to report.
- Business: Question about the wooden pallet structure in downtown Pullman that has Occupy Wall Street signage all over it. Chief Jenkins advised that he was aware of an architecture project that had received approval, but that he was unaware of the signs and would follow-up after the meeting.
- Multicultural: No representative.
- ASWSU: No representative.
- Pullman School District: Nothing to report.
- Pullman High School: No representative.
- Pullman High School Parent: Nothing to report.
- Pullman At-Large: Asked about any incidents or extra patrols for the Occupy Pullman events that have been occurring. Also asked whether there would be any extra police patrols over the winter break. Chief Jenkins addressed both issues.

A member asked about a question submitted by a citizen about any concerns/potential problems anticipated because of the hiring of the new football coach from Texas. Chief Jenkins advised that they did not anticipate any issues other than those created by an increased enthusiasm and attendance at the games.

**MEMBER AND
ALTERNATE
SEARCH RESULTS**

Current vacancies on the Committee are:

- Military Hill Alternate
- Sunnyside Hill Alternate
- Business Alternate
- Pullman High School Alternate
- Pullman High School Parent Alternate
- Lincoln Middle School Parent Representative & Alternate
- Pullman At-Large Alternate

Member vacancies were not discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

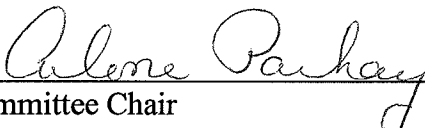
NEXT MEETING

Monday, January 9th, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

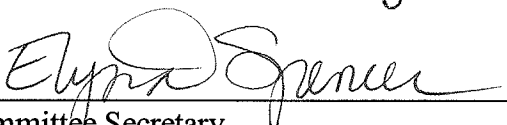
Parkay entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion for adjournment was seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

ATTEST:



Committee Chair

3-12-12
Date



Committee Secretary

3/12/12
Date