

MINUTES
Pullman Police Advisory Committee
February 8, 2010
5:30pm at City Hall

The regular meeting of the Pullman Police Advisory Committee was held at 5:30pm on Monday, February 8th, 2010, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 325 SE Paradise Street, Pullman, Washington, with Committee Chair Arlene Parkay presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Arlene Parkay	Chair & WSU Staff & Faculty Representative
	Zach Hays	WSU Staff & Faculty Alternate
	Barbara Hammond	College Hill Representative
	KNona Liddell	College Hill Alternate
	Marcus Crossler	Military Hill Representative
	Karen Kiessling	Pioneer Hill Representative
	Richard Hume	Pioneer Hill Alternate
	Phyllis Stallcop	Sunnyside Hill Representative
	Al Sorensen	Business Community Alternate
	Riley Myklebust	ASWSU Representative
	Dan Hornfelt	Pullman School District Representative
	Greg Wilson	Pullman High School Parent Representative
	Bill Hawbaker	Pullman High School Parent Alternate
	Dallin Larsen	Pullman High School Representative
Absent:	Matt Nobles	Military Hill Alternate
	Mike Lowery	Business Community Representative
	DaVina Hoyt	Multicultural Representative
	Floyd Berry, Jr.	Multicultural Alternate
	Patrick Horton	ASWSU Alternate
	Alex Wilson	Pullman High School Alternate
Staff:	Chief Weatherly	Pullman Police Department
	Elysia Spencer	Pullman Police Department
	Mayor Glenn Johnson	City of Pullman
	John Sherman	City of Pullman
	Karen Sires	City of Pullman

CALL TO ORDER

Parkay called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. The meeting had a quorum.

MINUTES

Minutes from January 11, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Due to a delay in the distribution of the minutes to committee members, a member requested that the minutes be held for approval until the March meeting to allow members a chance to review them. Motion to table the minutes until March 8th meeting passed.

REGULAR BUSINESS
New Police Chief Search

City of Pullman Mayor Glenn Johnson, City Supervisor John Sherman, and Human Resources Manager Karen Sires discussed the process and timeline of the upcoming search for a new Chief of Police. Members asked questions about the hiring process and its transparency to the public, in addition to making recommendations as to the character and qualifications that a successful applicant for the position should have.

REGULAR BUSINESS
Taxi Cab Ordinance
Subcommittee Report

Minutes from the January 28th meeting of the Taxi Cab Ordinance Subcommittee were distributed and reviewed. Some of the issues addressed by the Subcommittee were:

- Rental limousines
- Taxi cabs coming from outside areas (such as Spokane)
- Suspension of license for faulty equipment
- Taxi cab inspections
- Off-duty DUI of taxi cab driver

Members reiterated that their intent was to ensure public safety, not to shut down business for an entire taxi cab company simply because a headlight burnt out on one of the company's vehicle. Discussion ensued on the development of department policy and training for officers on the enforcement of the new ordinance.

Subcommittee members recommended that the City Council not add a requirement for vehicle inspections to the ordinance. They advised that the existing requirement of taxi cab owners certifying that their vehicles are safe is sufficient because of reference to state law and penalty provisions of the ordinance. The Subcommittee recommended implementation of a certification document drafted by Sgt. Dornes.

The Subcommittee also highlighted a couple areas of the ordinance that need revision, such as reference numbers not matching the reference and including sex offender language from one section of the ordinance in the section detailing grounds for denial of a license.

A member asked about the requirement for the posting of fares and a photo of the driver in the taxi cabs. Members expressed concern about the proposed size of the photo, reiterating that it needs to be plainly visible to the passenger in the back of the taxi cab.

The Subcommittee advised that Sgt. Dornes was planning to send letters to taxi cab and limousine rental companies in Spokane to make them aware of the new ordinance in advance of the spring dance/prom season, as well as attempting to meet with local taxi cab company owners.

A member suggested putting a sign or some other source of information regarding the requirements for taxi cabs at the airport, bus stations, and other conspicuous places so that taxi cab patrons are aware of what the requirements are. Another member suggested launching some sort of public education program. This would not only for the benefit taxi cab patrons, but would also improve the reputation of the taxi cab companies if the public knows that they are operating in compliance with a higher standard.

Weatherly recommended that the Committee review the ordinance in one year and make further recommendations to the City Council at that time.

Parkay thanked the members of the Subcommittee for their time and work on behalf of the entire Committee on this issue.

OLD BUSINESS
Member I.D. cards

New I.D. cards were available for members who had their picture taken at a previous meeting. Members who still needed to have their picture taken were asked to remain after the meeting to have their pictures taken.

**CONSTITUENCIES
POLL**

- WSU Staff and Faculty – Haven't had a chance to coordinate the joint meeting with the WSU Police Advisory Board. Reminder that the public forum on sobriety is tomorrow at 4:00pm in the CUB.
- College Hill – Two parking signs tagged.
- Military Hill – Mentioned the bill in the state legislature making talking on cell phones while driving a primary offense. Also mentioned tagging on some signs.
- Pioneer Hill – The "stop sign ahead" sign was put in on Spring & Crestview, and it appears to be helping.
- Sunnyside Hill – Nothing
- Business – Nothing
- Multicultural – Parkay advised that the current multicultural alternate is stepping down, the current representative is moving into the alternate slot, and that Kim Barrett has applied to be the new multicultural representative. Barrett is currently the Chair of the WSU Police Advisory Board, but her tenure will be up later this spring. Parkay asked the Committee if it would be better for Barrett to wait to join the committee until after her term on the WSU Board is complete, or whether she should start immediately. Members agreed that Barrett was welcome to start immediately.
- ASWSU – Representative left meeting early
- Pullman School District – Representative left meeting early
- Pullman High School – Nothing

- Pullman High School Parent – Advised that the high school swim team is going to State, and asked about the possibility of a police escort for the team. Weatherly advised to call and ask.
- PTA Lincoln Middle School – No representative

**MEMBER AND
ALTERNATE
SEARCH RESULTS**

There was no discussion about the search to fill member vacancies on the committee at this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

Breakthrough in burglary cases

Weatherly advised the Committee of a breakthrough in a couple of burglary cases that were not related to the big winter break burglary case. Stolen property has been recovered and one individual has been charged with possession of stolen property. The investigation is ongoing and further charges may be forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS

NIXLE Update

A member asked about the status of the cell phone alert system. Weatherly advised that NIXLE was approved by the City Council. Department protocol is being finalized this week, to be followed by in-house training. Weatherly advised that he will put out a press release in advance of the program going live.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Business & Rental Property Registration

A member asked for a status update on the business registration and rental property registration. Weatherly advised that the process is progressing slowly due to unforeseen issues that are requiring additional follow-up from police department staff. However, the applications that have already been processed have yielded great results, and the feedback from owners has been largely positive.

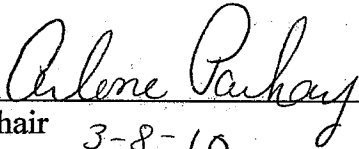
NEXT MEETING


Monday, March 8th, 2010 at 5:30 pm.

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 7:00 pm.

ATTEST:


Chair 3-8-10


Secretary 3/8/10