

MINUTES

Pullman Police Advisory Committee

September 13, 2010

5:30pm at City Hall

The regular meeting of the Pullman Police Advisory Committee was held at 5:30pm on Monday, September 13th, 2010, 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)
	Zach Hays	WSU Staff & Faculty Alternate
	Barbara Hammond	College Hill Representative
	KNona Liddell	College Hill Alternate
	Marcus Crossler	Military Hill Representative
	Richard Hume	Pioneer Hill Representative
	Greg Wilson	Pioneer Hill Alternate (Co-Chair)
	Phyllis Stallcop	Sunnyside Hill Representative
	Mike Lowery	Business Community Representative
	Al Sorensen	Business Community Alternate
	Kim Barrett	Multicultural Representative
	Josh Meyer	ASWSU Representative
	Riley Myklebust	ASWSU Alternate
	Dan Hornfelt	Pullman School District Representative
	Rosemary Fleener	Pullman High School Parent Alternate
	Daniel Hawbaker	Pullman High School Representative
Absent:	Phyllis Stallcop	Sunnyside Hill Representative
	DaVina Hoyt	Multicultural Alternate
	Bill Hawbaker	Pullman High School Parent Representative
	Daniel Hawbaker	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.

MINUTES

Minutes from August 9th meeting were distributed for Committee review. Motion to approve the minutes of the August 9th meeting passed.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Lentil Festival Recap

Parkay began by expressing appreciation to all of the officers who assisted in setting up and tearing down the canopy for the booth. Parkay advised that there was a lot of engagement with the public with Committee volunteers, and two feedback forms turned into the feedback box. Other members concurred that there was a lot

of positive interaction with the public, and a lot people asking questions about the Committee and what it does. Other common topics included questions about NIXLE and the new cell phone law.

Chief Jenkins reviewed the Pullman PD response to the two feedback forms with the Committee:

1. One form described a parking issue at the base of a stairway leading to WSU Campus. The person requested clarification of the parking rules at that location and some consistency in enforcement. Chief Jenkins advised it was determined that the location in question was on Reaney Way. After review, it was determined that there should be some better signage at that location, and a request was sent to the Public Works department. Chief Jenkins followed up on the request today, and Public Works is still assessing and determining the best course of action for that location. Parkay asked Chief Jenkins to follow-up with the person who submitted the comment form so that they are aware of the final outcome.
2. The other form simply asked for the police to monitor the crosswalk on Bishops Boulevard near the former Pete's Bar & Grill, and indicated that drivers are not stopping for pedestrians. Chief Jenkins advised that the information was forwarded to patrol officers for extra patrols in the area. Chief Jenkins advised that he would also follow-up with the person who submitted the comment form so that they are aware of the final outcome. Committee members and audience members affirmed that the location is a trouble spot, as it is busy both with vehicle traffic and pedestrian traffic coming from the trail and surrounding apartments. A Committee member advised he had seen police officers in the area monitoring the crosswalk.

Spencer also expressed appreciation for the teamwork and coordination for the Committee members, ASWSU members, and Officer Heroff who participated in taking photos to be used in the new Committee brochure, which was distributed at the Lentil Festival.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Update on Taxicab Licensing Ordinance

Chief Jenkins provided an update on the taxi licensing ordinance. There have been a total of 16 licenses issued so far; four to taxicab owners and 12 to taxicab operators. The four licensed taxicab companies are:

- A-Z Taxi
- Big Cat Tax
- Pegasus
- Top Notch

REGULAR BUSINESS

Update on Taxicab
Licensing Ordinance
(Continued)

Chief Jenkins advised that there were two operator applications that were submitted that the individual did not complete the application process and operator application that was rejected due to prior criminal history, which illustrates that the provisions of the ordinance are working.

A member asked about enforcement of the ordinance. Chief Jenkins advised that Sgt. Dornes had planned to provide training to all of the shifts on enforcement of the ordinance; Chief Jenkins will follow-up with Sgt. Dornes as to the status of that process.

A member asked whether we are aware of any unlicensed companies and/or drivers at this time. Chief Jenkins advised that Sgt. Dornes had done a really good job of working with and communicating with the companies and impressing upon them that they had an obligation to insure that their drivers were licensed. Chief Jenkins believes that there is pretty good level of compliance at this time, and that the next step is ensuring that the officers are properly trained to enforce the ordinance.

REGULAR BUSINESS
School Resource Officer
Position

Chief Jenkins advised that Officer Mike Crow has been the School Resource Officer for nearly three years, and that during that time both the police department and the school district would agree that he has done a great work both as the School Resource Officer and as the D.A.R.E. Officer. Chief Jenkins advised of some recent events that both the school district and the police department believed would impact Officer Crow's ability to be effective in the schools. As a result, Officer Crow has been reassigned back to Special Operations.

Chief Jenkins advised that the school district has agreed to leave the position vacant until the department has identified and trained an officer to move into that position, hopefully by spring semester but possibly as late as next school year.

A member asked about the type of training required. Chief Jenkins advised that most of the D.A.R.E. schools are held out-of-state, but there may be a school being held in-state later this fall that the department hopes to enroll the new officer in.

A member asked whether any other officers in the department already had the training. Chief Jenkins advised that there is not. He advised that the training is two weeks in length and highly-tailored to the program, so it isn't training that many officers receive until they are assigned to the position.

REGULAR BUSINESS
School Resource Officer
Position
(Continued)

A member asked whether this would be an appropriate time for the department and the school district to re-evaluate the D.A.R.E. program and possibly move towards a different program. Chief Jenkins, the School District representative, and members extensively discussed the pros and cons of the D.A.R.E. program. The consensus was to have some type of vehicle to get an officer into the schools and engaging with the students. At this time, the department and the school district have decided to stay with this model.

A member asked why the department couldn't assign an officer to the school district as the School Resource Officer so that there is an officer presence in the schools right away and have them attend the D.A.R.E. training and start D.A.R.E. programs once they had completed the training. Chief Jenkins advised that there is also specialized training for school resource officers, and that there are some internal constraints related to contract and personnel staffing issues that prohibit assigning a new officer to the school district immediately.

Members shared compliments and expressed appreciation for Officer Crow's work as the D.A.R.E. and School Resource Officer.

REGULAR BUSINESS
Committee Procedures
and By-Laws

Parkay advised that recently it has come to her attention that the Committee does not have any written procedures or by-laws. Parkay advised that although the Committee has discussed issues such as term limits, the information only exists in the old meeting minutes; it has not been consolidated into anything official, such as a Committee procedure or by-laws. Parkay suggested forming a small subcommittee to work on creating a governing document for the Committee.

Members discussed the pros and cons of developing official governing policies versus continuing with the more informal method. Spencer provided clarification on the Committee's standing with the City and the differences between this committee and other City boards and commissions. Members decided to table the discussion until the next meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS
Special Recognition

Parkay requested that the Committee move the special presentation to the end of the meeting, so that the official business portion of the meeting was not disrupted.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Committee made a special presentation to former Chief William "Ted" Weatherly in appreciation of his many years of service to the City of Pullman and to the Pullman Police Advisory Committee.

CONSTITUENCIES POLL

- WSU Staff and Faculty: Discussion of safety concerns involving skateboards and bicyclists. Nice weather has led to increase of people using these modes of transportation, but they don't always follow traffic signs/laws, and there have been a lot of close calls with vehicle traffic. Members discussed enforcement of laws in downtown corridor, possible emphasis/educational patrols, and city-wide education campaigns. Coordination with WSU was mentioned as a key topic, due to WSU just launching its new bike rental program.
- College Hill: Beginning of school year has been noisy and rowdy. There has been a lot of spillover from campus events into the surrounding neighborhoods. There was a street party on NE Indiana at 5:00 a.m.
- Military Hill: The reader board and officer patrols have been effective reducing speeders on NW Hall Drive.
- Pioneer Hill: Nothing.
- Sunnyside Hill: No representative.
- Business: Bicycles on the sidewalks in downtown.
- Multicultural: Working with Officer Heroff to set up meetings with multicultural students not associated with some of the more traditional student groups.

Women's Transit starts providing service tonight.

First WSU Police Forum is tomorrow. The topic is Meet the College Hill Beat Cops.

- ASWSU: Need to work on an education campaign in conjunction with the new UREC bike rental program.

Participated in a walk-along with Officer Heroff last weekend and got to observe officer interactions with students and others. Advised that a lot of the people contacted were from out of town.

- Pullman School District: Good start to the school year.

A member asked what the school district's policy was regarding President Obama's planned speech to students. Hornfelt advised that he would double check and provide an update when he had the information.

**CONSTITUENCIES
POLL**

(Continued)

- Pullman High School Parent: No issues.
- Pullman High School Student: No representative.
- PTA Lincoln Middle School: No representative.

NEW BUSINESS

Hays advised that he is working with Chief Jenkins and the police department to develop a new citizen survey to assess public perceptions and interactions with the police department, and was seeking the Committee's input. Parkay requested he send the survey to the Committee via email for review and feedback at the next meeting.

**MEMBER AND
ALTERNATE
SEARCH RESULTS**

Current vacancies on the Committee are:

- Sunnyside Hill Alternate
- Military Hill Alternate
- Pullman School District Alternate
- Pullman High School Student Alternate
- Lincoln Middle School Parent Representative & Alternate

A member indicated that there were some individuals contacted at the Lentil Festival who expressed interest in serving on the Committee, so we may begin to see some applications for new members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A couple citizens who heard about the Committee at the Lentil Festival came to learn more about the Committee.

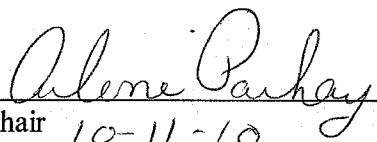
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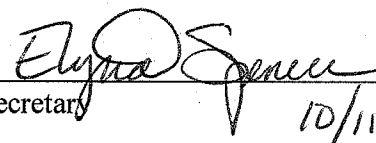
Monday, October 11th, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Parkay entertained a motion to adjourn the business portion of the meeting. The motion for adjournment was seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm, and was followed by the special presentation to former Chief Weatherly.

ATTEST:


Chair 10-11-10


Secretary 10/11/10