

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

Virtual Meeting

Port Angeles, Washington

May 18, 2022 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Andrew Schwab called the regular meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Board to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Gayle Brauner, Evan Brown, Kathleen Graf, John Hauck, Mary Margolis, Michael McGuire, Andrew Schwab

Absent: Jesse Charles, Autumn Hudgins, Kelsey Lane, Octavia Smith

Staff Present: Ken Dubuc, Fire Chief; Jason Viada, Deputy Police Chief; Catherine Dewey, Secretary

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Michael McGuire made a motion to accept the April minutes, Evan Brown provided a second and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

PUBLIC HEARINGS/OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Welcome newly appointed member Autumn Hudgins, she was not in attendance.
2. Discuss Summer Meeting Schedule: June, July, Aug. The Board decided to continue with June's meeting and to take it one month at a time for now.

STAFF UPDATES:

1. Police Department Report – Deputy Police Chief Viada discussed some of the clarification to the reforms of 2021 and discussed an incident that occurred recently and how the reforms affect these incidents. Viada began by reading House Bill 1735 to the Board in regard to de-escalation.
2. Fire Department Report – Chief Dubuc noted that staffing and hiring continues to be a challenge. There is currently one Community Paramedic position open which is an extraordinarily difficult position to hire for. PAFD's average length of time that personnel has in the department is less than 2 years, so training is a priority and the department is rising up to meet these challenges. Chief announced that this will be his last meeting with the Board due to his retirement.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION:

1. Workplan:

The Board discussed their workplan topics and prioritized them due to the Board's interest:

Summarized Workplan Topics Discussed:

- Speakers from various groups
- Substance Abuse/addiction
- Drug Activity
- Missing and murdered indigenous people in Clallam county
- Houseless and homelessness (pay check to pay check)
- Fire Department
- Panhandling

- Derelict building
- Full-time code enforcement
- Cleanliness and safety (downtown, Safeway, trails, parks, public restrooms, cleaning overbrush)
- PA reputation
- Trimming overgrowth
- More visible police presence
- Traffic safety (speeding, traffic island at McDonald's)
- Dogs off of leash/animal control
- Handicapped/disabled parking spots in private parking lots that are being used inappropriately

Prioritized Topics as chosen by the Board:

- Cleanliness and Safety (downtown, Safeway, trails, parks, public restrooms, cleaning overbrush, animal control)
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous people in Clallam County
- Code Enforcement
- Traffic Safety (speeding, traffic island at McDonald's)
- Human Trafficking
- More visible police presence
- Substance Abuse/ addiction, drug activity

Chair Schwab recommended have some presentations lined up on some of the topics before forming committees. Deputy Chief Viada took the lead in getting more information on the topics listed and they will prepare to discuss more in June and tentatively provide a guest speaker for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People for September.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

- 1) Kathleen Graf – History of the Public Safety Volunteer Board – Report enclosed.
- 2) Gayle Brauner – recommendation to Council to prioritize adding Fire Department personnel. Conversation ensued and Chief Dubuc suggested having the Finance Department speak to the budget process.

Gayle Brauner made a motion that the we, the Public Safety Advisory Board, ask the Council to consider prioritizing the hiring of an additional Fire Department personnel in the 2023 budget and Mary Margolis provided a second to the motion and a roll call vote followed:

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| 1. Gayle Brauner | Yay |
| 2. Evan Brown | No |
| 3. Kathleen Graf | No |
| 4. John Hauck | No |
| 5. Mary Margolis | Yay |
| 6. Michael McGuire | No |
| 7. Andrew Schwab | No |

- 3) Members may make statements or offer observations about the character or work of the board without having any particular agenda item.
 - The Board members congratulated Chief Dubuc on his retirement and wished him well.

- Mary Margolis noted that Clallam County Pro Bono Lawyers will be hosting a webinar May 27th from 12-1:30, free of charge. There will be a panel speaking on housing, and new eviction laws.
- Gayle Brauner provided a resource from the Department of Interior, Secretary Deb Haaland, the first ever Native American person to serve as the Sec of the DOI. The DOI released a first report on the Govt's program of Native American children's boarding schools, in conjunction with some churches, and how these facilities had a devastating effect on the lives of children and their families, the indigenous population and culture. Resources enclosed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Michael McGuire made a motion to adjourn and Mary Margolis provided a second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

The next Scheduled PSAB Meeting June 15th, 2022

