

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

Virtual Meeting
Port Angeles, Washington
December 21, 2022 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Schwab called the regular meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Chair Schwab, Rochelle Blankenship, Gayle Brauner, Kathleen Graf, John Hauck, Mary Margolis

Staff Present: Derrell Sharp, Fire Chief; Brian Smith, Police Chief; Catherine Dewey, Secretary

Members Absent: Evan Brown, Autumn Hudgins, Kelsey Lane, Michael McGuire

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Brauner made a motion to accept the October minutes, Margolis provided a second.

The Chair asked if there was unanimous consent, hearing no opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

Hauck made a motion to accept the September minutes, Margolis provided a second.

The Chair asked if there was unanimous consent, hearing no opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

Brauner suggested minutes revisions:

Add "which provide help for Veterans who have become homeless due to their service experiences"

Brauner made a motion to accept the change. Chair then called for a Roll Call Vote:

- 1) Chair Schwab - Nay
- 2) Rochelle Blankenship - Yay
- 3) Gayle Brauner - Yay
- 4) Kathleen Graf - Nay
- 5) John Hauck - Nay
- 6) Mary Margolis - Yay

3:3 vote, motion failed to pass.

Brauner asked to add, "but he'd like to see that happen". To the statement made by DeScala

Hauck made a motion to accept the change. Chair then asked for a Roll Call vote:

- 1) Chair Schwab - Abstain
- 2) Rochelle Blankenship - Yes
- 3) Gayle Brauner - Yes
- 4) Kathleen Graf - Abstain
- 5) John Hauck - Yes
- 6) Mary Margolis - Yes

4:2 vote, motion passed.

After motions were made and accepted, Hauck made a motion to accept the November 16th meeting minutes, as amended. The Chair then called for a Roll Call Vote:

- 1) Chair Schwab - Abstain
- 2) Rochelle Blankenship - Yay
- 3) Gayle Brauner - Yay
- 4) Kathleen Graf - Yay
- 5) John Hauck - Yay

The motion carried 5-1, with Chair Schwab abstaining from the vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

STAFF UPDATES:

1. Police Department Report- Chief Smith covered PenCom operations noting that they have a few Capital Projects from this year that are carrying over into 2023 but they were able to replace the consoles which was a great success, they also are offering a hiring bonus publicly and for staff which has been successful with a few coming through the hiring process. EOC project is in site selection stage. PD is fully staffed on the commission side. Auto theft is up statewide. The Downtown resource officer positions was lost in 2011 but they are hopeful to fill that position in 2023. Chief Smith will be inviting Chief Crane in from Sequim to speak in more detail about the IIT process. Board discussion followed.
2. Fire Department Report – Chief Sharp began by noting that Operation Candy Cane was a great success this year collecting close to 7 thousand pounds of food. Paramedic Mintz and Samantha Harik are our most recent new hires as well as Assistant Chief Joel McKeen who is slated to start with PAFD on Jan 3rd. Adam DeFilippo and Ethan Grossell have both completed their year of probation. The fire department has had access to the old Bushwhacker building for training which has been a great opportunity for live scenario training. On December 10th we hosted Seattle Fire Captain Chris Greene who is the national expert on energy driven emergencies, and he focused his presentation on ion battery fires. PAFD and OPCC submitted a grant and have been awarded a \$235,000 grant to fund a pilot program for an alternative response team. Over the last month crews have responded to 597 calls for service which is up 136 from the previous month. Board discussion followed.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION:

- 1) Workplan discussion Continued:
Brauner made a motion to review the Board’s priorities 2021-2022 as well as any changes to the 2022-2023 workplan. The Chair asked if there was unanimous consent, hearing no opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Schwab made a motion for the agenda for January that we include organizing a work session outside of a regular meeting. Chair then asked for a consent vote, with no opposition the agenda item was added to the January agenda.

Margolis made a motion to add the topic of additional meetings to the January agenda: Chair called for a Roll Call Vote:

- 1) Chair Schwab - Yes
- 2) Rochelle Blankenship - No
- 3) Gayle Brauner - No
- 4) Kathleen Graf - No
- 5) John Hauck – Yes
- 6) Mary Margolis – Yes

3:3 vote, motion failed to pass

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Margolis – Encouraged Board members to visit the PAFD and PD Facebook pages for updates.

Brauner – Provided a resource recommendation of a book by Louise Penny, called Still Life and spoke about an upcoming ride-along with the Phoenix Fire Department.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hauck made a motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The next Scheduled PSAB Meeting January 18, 2023

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