

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY JUNE 12TH, 2018 AT 4:15 P.M.**

Board Members Present:

Chair Marty Malloy, Gene Barner, Nora Daniel, Randy DeVries, Cheryl Lawler & Les McCormick

Board Members Not Present:

Bob Olson, Susan Gerard & Joe Busig

Department Staff Present:

Chief Kevin Dresker, Captain Mike Bailey, Captain Bill Wilkie & Meg Massey

Others in Attendance:

One Community Member

The meeting was called to order by Chair Malloy at 4:22 p.m. in the Police Department Conference Room.

Transients:

Chief asked to address the committee as he had to head out to another appointment. Chief discussed the upcoming public meeting to discuss the increased transient / homeless activity. Since Chief started the 5+2 program there has been an increase police presence in the parks and this has been a constant focus for the officers. Recently the department started and public safety emphasis using officers working on over time in addition to the patrol officers and the Chief and Captains have also participated. The officers are not running anyone unless in violation of an ordinance. If an individual is found to be in violation, they will be cited and might be trespassed. Overall the response has been good and those contacted have thanked the officers for their professionalism. Others are more vocal because they do get trespassed and can't go back in that one park. You will see the effort continue for two more weeks and then it will be reevaluated. Consistent with our philosophy, a safe environment for all.

Ms. Lawler asked about the grocery cart ordinance. Chief stated the ordinance passed with revisions as the first draft was too burdensome on businesses. The store is notified if a cart is located off site, and they are to retrieve the cart. Individuals will be given written notification to about possessing a cart off site. Additionally, the store can be cited for not taking care of carts. The Stores are being very cooperative.

A citizen asked about camping? Chief stated no camping is allowed on private property, no camping in parks, that is not any different. They have shelters available to them.

Chief Dresker thanked the committee for their time and excused himself from the meeting.

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AGENDA TOPICS

MARCH 2018 MINUTES:

The minutes from the March 13th meeting were distributed. Ms. Lawler moved to approve the March minutes as presented, Mr. MacCormick seconded. The March minutes were unanimously approved.

MEET AN OFFICER(S)

➤ **Officer Greg Wendell & Officer Chris Hutchinson**

The committee met the department's new officers.

PERSONNEL / DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Captain Bailey gave the following report:

➤ **Staffing & Department Updates**

Captains Bailey and Wilkie updated the committee on staffing and the department:

Acting Sergeant Jenn Gravel was officially promoted to Sergeant on May 1st.

As discussed at the last meeting, Terry Sampson the Animal Control Officer has retired. Currently, Chief and Human Resources are in discussions with the union to update the position to include additional support duties such as community outreach and public speaking. The Animal Control Officer / Police Support Officer position would remain a civil service position. The position testing is being developed, and once the testing is complete the top candidates will then proceed to the Chief's Interview. We are hoping to post the position within the next week or so.

Entry level hire Officer Jason Perman did not advance from the FTO process and was released from employment in April.

School Resource Officer (SRO) Nathan Padrta resigned, and in May he and his wife returned to the Pullman area, where they are both from. At this time the Chief is in talks with the Oak Harbor School District about the vacant SRO position and a new MOU with the district as currently they do not reimburse the City for any of the salary costs of the SRO position. It is not uncommon for school districts to pay 75%, or at least 50% of those costs.

Officer Maurice Taylor gave notice this week, he will be relocating back to Georgia for personal reasons.

The CBA for the commissioned officers was approved by Council in mid-May. One notable change is the addition of specialty pay for High Risk Entry Team, Field Training Officers and detectives in an on-call status which will rotate weekly. The first year it will be a rate of 1%, 2% the second year, and 3% the third year, and then will stay at the 3% rate.

OHPD is now officially part of the Skagit Multiple Agency Response Team (SMART). All of our detectives train with the team and assist with major incidents / officer involved shootings, etc. outside Island County when needed. This is the team that assisted us with our officer involved

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shooting last year. Having access to an independent agency investigating such cases is very beneficial for many reasons, but most importantly legal obligations for a fair and unbiased investigation.

The Captains are assisting with getting bids for a fence to enclose the parking lot. Chief has also reached out to ICOM for financial assistance. The necessary electronics gates needed are very costly, but we think it is possible. Security of the department vehicles, and of course staff is crucial. The vehicles contain weapons, explosives, etc. and left unsecured could be used to create an explosion / an ambush situation.

The department is hosting more training. It saves the department travel costs of sending our staff to off-site training. As the host department, we are then given spots for some of our staff as well as saving the travel costs.

Captain Bailey has developed a strategic planning committee which is working on a 5 year plan. The strategic planning will help organize goals as the department works towards state accreditation. There are a lot of challenges ahead to achieve the 138 standards required and our goal is to complete that by the end of 2019. Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) will assign a mentor to the department to help with the process. The first step is a mock accreditation will be done to identify our weaknesses. Most of the standards pertain to records, then the training departments and then evidence. For a department that has not had accreditation before, with the department restructuring that has been done, we are situated well to move forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ **Simulator**

The committee discussed the experience they had using the shooting simulator at NAS Whidbey. Members found it to be very fun, nerve racking and eye opening. It was very much appreciated by those that attended.

➤ **National Night Out**

National Night Out is Tuesday August 7th at Fort Nugent Park from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Det. Sgt. Seim and Det. Hoagland are coordinating this year's event with the Oak Harbor Lions Club. Please be available to meet with citizens for as much of the event as possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **Committee Update**

The committee discussed the Chair position. Captain Bailey stated the idea of rotating the position benefits the committee by bringing different views as the committee is composed of business owners and residents. A motion was made by Ms. Daniel to nominate Gene Barner as Chair and Ms. Lawler seconded. No other nominations were made, and after discussion Mr. Barner was unanimously approved. Mr. Malloy stated it has been his privilege to serve as Chair and thanked the committee for the opportunity. All thanked Mr. Malloy for all he had done.

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➤ **Citizen Academy**

Sergeant Gravel is developing a Citizen Academy and we hope to have it finalized soon. Tentatively it would run for eight or nine weeks starting in September one week night each week and possibly one or two Saturdays sessions. The goal is to give citizens an insight on what police do and rebuild our volunteer programs. We would like to see a group of 20-25 participate. A background check and waiver will be required. Department volunteers will need to complete the academy to qualify as a volunteer. Once the academy is complete Sergeant Gravel will be the primary contact for the volunteer and explorer programs. Captain Bailey stated we do have new placards ordered to the citizen patrol car.

GENERAL QUESTIONS / COMMENTS:

Chair Barner and Mr. DeVries had concerns about neighborhood patrols and school zones. Captain Bailey discussed the process required for a speed clicker to be placed at a location, and then the engineering department makes the determination if a speed bump is merited etc. If ever you see an immediate issue, remember to call dispatch and report it.

ADJOURN:

Ms. Daniel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. MacCormick seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next CAB meeting will be September 11th.

Prepared by Meg Massey