

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2016 AT 4:15 P.M.**

**Board Members Present:**

Chair Marty Malloy, Jeff Campbell, Nora Daniel, Susan Gerard, Sarah Hackley, Cheryl Lawler, Austin McBride & Bob Olson

**Board Members Not Present:**

Gene Barner, Nora Daniel & Jackson Wezeman

**Department Staff Present:**

Interim Chief Terry Gallagher & Meg Massey

**Others in Attendance:**

One community member attended.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Malloy at 4:15 p.m. in the Police Department Training Room.

**AGENDA TOPICS**

**JULY 2016 MINUTES:**

The minutes from the July 14th meeting were distributed. Ms. Massey stated that two corrections had been made:

- Mr. Campbell was not in attendance
- Next meeting scheduled was September 13th

Mr. Olson moved to approve the July minutes as amended, Mr. Campbell seconded. The July minutes were unanimously approved.

**MEET AN OFFICER:**

- **Officer Mike Clements**  
The committee met Officer Mike Clements.

**PERSONNEL / DEPARTMENT UPDATES :**

Mr. Gallagher gave the following report:

➤ **Chief Update**

Kevin Dresker has been selected as the new Chief. He left his position as Captain at the Wenatchee Police Department in 2014 after 28 years of law enforcement service to work in the private sector for Confluence Health, also in Wenatchee. His start date is tentatively the second week of October.

➤ **Patrol Update**

Officer John Little – no longer employed by the City of Oak Harbor.

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➤ **Records Update**

Barbi May & Yvette Noyes both retired / resigned last month. The City has contracted with Kay Lang and Maggie Paczkowski to work through October until permanent employees can be hired and be trained on a basic level. Layla Gutierrez is also working as temporary employee through a temp service to assist in the department as well.

➤ **School Resource Officer**

The SRO position has been temporarily suspended. The patrol side is down by four with two officers in the academy and two vacancies. Our hope is to have Officer Padrta back at the school full-time once the new officers have completed their field training.

➤ **Department Updates**

The Non-Commissioned Bargaining Agreement has been settled. The current contract expired 12-31-2012.

The Commissioned Bargaining Agreement has been extended from 12-13-2016 to 12-31-2017.

The current jail van is a 2002 model and is not an appropriate vehicle. Council approved a replacement vehicle at the August 24th meeting. The entire police fleet needs to be assessed.

Department computers are being updated. There was money in the inter-fund accounts, so many staff computers are being updated and adding dual monitors. We must give them the staff the tools they need to be successful.

➤ **COBAN**

The antennas have been upgraded. We will turn on one vehicle and see how it goes, and implement the rest of the fleet one at time. There is no state requirement, but if we are going to use the system, it must work correctly.

➤ **Harvest Drive**

Back in June the Chief talked of a woman that spoke at a City Council meeting and was discouraged with issues in her neighborhood and was being sent from department to department and no one seemed able or willing to help. The police department took ownership and worked with code enforcement and the neighbors. Three months later they are very satisfied. The junk vehicles have been removed and the home has been declared uninhabitable and repossessed by the bank. This is a great example of what we are capable of.

➤ **Budget 2017 - 2018**

The planning for the biannual budget has started. The Chief will be presenting some of our needs to the Council at a workshop on September 28th. Certain items have been neglected and need to be addressed:

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- Training is not adequate, it should be two or three times what it is currently. The law is very fluid, it is our obligation to keep training current.
- The current set-up for bloody evidence is a concrete room with no ventilation. The items don't dry and it is a biohazard for the employees. An evidence dryer with HEPA filters is needed at a cost of approximately \$9,000.00 for the equipment and installation.
- The PD Facilities (PD / Jail / CST) flooring needs to be replaced. If carpeting is selected the cost would be approximately \$30,000. If flooring is selected the cost would be approximately \$60,000.
- Parking lot needs to be fenced, the fleet should be secure. The gate and fence will run \$60,000 and that does not include the power needed.
- LEMAP Analysis will run about \$8,000 and put the department on the path to accreditation.

My job is to be sure the Council knows what needs to be addressed. We may not have the money to fix it all, but they need to be aware. The department has suffered from a lack of planning. The future is bright, good leadership is coming, the core is strong.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

➤ **National Night Out**

Chief Gallagher stated how very impressed he was with the event. Thank you all for your participation, it was excellent.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

➤ **Member Terms**

Ms. Massey stated that at our last meeting Mr. Barner stated he recently moved and is now a resident of the county and not a resident of Oak Harbor. He currently holds a resident position on the board. After reviewing the terms, Ms. Massey said she will have Bob Olsen take the resident position that Gene Barner now holds and Gene Barner will take the business owner position that Bob Olsen now holds. This should be approved by the next meeting so that we stay in compliance with the required structure of members.

➤ **Baseball Caps**

Chief Gallagher wants the committee to have baseball caps. We will have to get sizes for everyone and then send logo / design ideas to Meg.

➤ **Trail Safety Article**

Mr. Campbell presented an article from the August 10th edition of the Seattle Times (see attached). Mr. Campbell stated this could happen here, it is similar to the Freund Marsh area. There are many areas that are out of the sight and sound of residences. Several topics were discussed including but not limited to:

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- How do we prevent this from happening here
- No longer feel safe alone in that area even during daylight hours
- Regular patrols had been promised, that is not happening
- Citizens on Patrol program needs to be reinvigorated and better utilized
- Shift in policy for volunteers, discouraged from engaging the public
- Community has a role to play
- City attorney needs to be involved to help with the new laws concerning the homeless
- Need an authoritative presence, not necessarily an officer
- See Something Say Something signage on trails, reporting incidents gets boots on the ground, brings the police presence
- Raise awareness, be aware of your surroundings, be street smart, safety in numbers
- Street smart translates to don't go there; eliminates the opportunities to enjoy the parks and trails
- Issues are not unique to Oak Harbor, on the rise everywhere
- Community members are looking into forming a new civilian group with uniforms and items such as pepper spray, etc. to patrol
- Very little stranger crime in Oak Harbor, most crime is committed by known associates

Chief Gallagher stated in Port Angeles there were more resources available such as border patrol, customs, and sheriff deputies. Oak Harbor doesn't have that. To increase the patrol size you would put staff on overtime, but you only have so many officers, you can't do that to them. The new Chief will have a fresh set of eyes.

**GENERAL QUESTIONS:**

Mr. Olson asked to please convey his gratitude to the bike patrol at the music festival. They did an outstanding job.

Mr. Olson also stated he had been the recipient of a Puget Sound Energy (PSE) phone scam on a Saturday afternoon. The caller stated he was behind in his payments and his power was to be shut off at 4:00 p.m. that day unless he went to Walgreens and paid in cash. He knew it was a scam, and contacted PSE on Monday. PSE stated they had a blog on line that listed the phone numbers these calls are coming from. He just wanted to get the word out and make everyone aware.

Chief Gallagher stated that Kevin Dresker will be at the September 20th council meeting, as that is when council is to approve his employment contract.

**ADJOURN:**

Ms. Lawler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Olson seconded.  
Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

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**NEXT MEETING:**

The next CAB meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11th at 4:15 p.m. in the OHPD Training Room.

Prepared by Meg Massey