

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, 5/8/12, 4:15 P.M.**

Board Members Present: Dave Thomason, Beth Connor, Bonnie LaForest, Ethelinda Larcena, Cathy Niiro, Gene Barner

Not Present: Barb Buchanan, Jo Balda, Lauren Nelson

Dept. Staff Present: Lt. John Dyer, Martha Folsom

The meeting was called to order by Thomason at 4:15 p.m. in the Police Department Conference Room.

AGENDA TOPICS

1. **March Minutes:** No discussion. LaForest moved to approve the March minutes, Niiro seconded. Unanimous approval. The March minutes were approved as presented.
2. **Pertinent Updates:** Lt. Dyer advised that the HSRO position is going well, that the deans have been pleased working with Officer Dickinson, and he is fitting right in. In reference to the Traffic position being eliminated, Lt. Dyer advised that we will be watching to see if accident rates go up. Officer Horn will be returning to Patrol this month, and will go through an FTO process. We will then reactivate the Cover Officer position, who works nights on 4-10's, Wednesday through Saturday, during periods of more activity. The Cover Officer will be Officer Carter. We hope, if things get better in the future, to be able to reinstate the Motor program.

Lt. Dyer advised that Holland Happening went well, and we did something different this year, by working in conjunction with the Fire Department by having a Unified Command situation. We utilized the joint (FD and PD) crime scene van. The Dept. of Emergency Services is trying to start up an Emergency Management Council made up of emergency responders from all over the Island, to do joint training. He said that other groups (non-emergency responders) may be involved, such as Red Cross, and the Ham Radio operators. Lt. Dyer advised that we had the recent EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operators Course) Simulator training, in conjunction with Island County Sheriffs, and Langley and Coupeville Police Departments. We had instructors from all agencies, so that officers could attend while on duty, as there was always an instructor there; thereby eliminating overtime costs. Thomason asked if the Department has a FATS simulator (Firearms Training) and Lt. Dyer said no, but that we are working with the Navy right now (they have a FATS) to get an officer from each squad trained in how to use it.

Lt. Dyer advised that the recent child sex abuse case is a huge investigation and our detectives are working it hard. We are looking for more victims, and this has been a very intensive investigation. Thomason asked – with child abuse in the forefront at this time – what would be the possibility of him doing a community presentation on child abuse reporting and awareness. He said there is no cost for him providing that. Thomason will meet with Lt. Dyer or Chief Wallace to discuss this further.

Lt. Dyer reported that Drug Take Back Day went well. DEA sets the date, and it occurred right in the middle of Holland Happening activities. He thanked the Island County Sheriff's Office for providing a deputy to staff the event while our officers were tied up with the parade. We received about 100 lbs (of drugs) and it will be shipped to DEA who will incinerate the drugs.

Lt. Dyer reported that meetings continue with the owner of the Element (nightclub), and they have recently been cited for two license violations. The Mayor's office continues to try to work with the owner to solve problems with the neighbors across the street from the club.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

None

Adjourn: LaForest motioned to adjourn; Larcena seconded.
The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. on 5/8/12.

The next CAB meeting will be held on Tuesday, 7/10/2012 in the OHPD Conference Room.
Prepared by M. Folsom