

MEETING OF PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 4, 2013

ROLL CALL: The meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:05p.m. Present were Dr. Laura Kressler, Cynthia Comproni, Stan Zirkin, Matthew Inzeo, Eunice Pierre, Cindy Comproni, William James and John Saunders, who is considering joining PSAC. Absent was Mary Thomas. City Liaisons Mary Johnson and George Matthews were present.

MINUTES: The minutes of the September 3, 2013 meeting were approved. Dr. Kressler asked that PSAC members who are not able to attend a meeting are listed as absent on the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS – CROSSWALKS – Due to other referrals, PSAC has not yet set a date for discussing crosswalks with Celia Craze.

ARE YOU READY – This was an event held by Greenbelt Homes Incorporated (GHI). Due to the short notice that PSAC received for this event there was no time for preparation for PSAC to participate. Dr. Kressler spoke with GHI and next year GHI would like PSAC to co-chair this event. Ms. Pierre would like to extend this event to Greenbelt East. Dr. Kressler said GHI/PSAC would need to make sure this event is widely publicized.

ABELL PETITION ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY – Dr. Kressler will get the report drafted which in part will say not to publicize the names until a person is convicted.

SIGNAGE REPORT – Dr. Kressler stated that PSAC's report on Signage at the Police Station and Fire Department has been turned in to Council and has been accepted without comment. This referral will be on the Council's agenda in the not too distant future.

NEW BUSINESS – Herb Wyche has resigned from PSAC. Eunice Pierre was welcomed. Ms. Pierre was at the October meeting but due to the lack of a quorum no official meeting was held.

The Advisory Group Chairs met with Council. Council has requested that PSAC submit in writing what we feel the interview process for potential new members should consist of. Below are some suggestions:

- PSACs meeting schedule and how long a meeting lasts.
- Events that PSAC has involvement or sponsors
- On the application ask how many meetings has the potential member has attended – at least one meeting should be required
- Attendee requirements need to be updated in the Advisory Policy and Procedures Handbook which is vague. Attendance requirements should be 75% of the meetings must be attended or no more than 3 unexcused absences.

- Don't place someone on the committee that didn't ask to be on PSAC

PLAYGROUND SURFACING – Poured in place versus rubber mulch versus engineered wood fiber. An informational packet from David Moran, Assistant City Manager was e-mail prior to the meeting and also distributed at the meeting. Discussion ensued concerning the three different types of playground material. The main concerns were physical safety, ADA compliant, toxicity issues and costs.

The City has 4 playgrounds that are poured in place, 22 playgrounds using Engineered Wood Fiber and 9 using Rubber Mulch. There was discussion about the pros and cons of each of these materials. The EPA has done limited studies on these materials and Dr. Kressler suggested that the research concerning these materials needs to be reviewed on a yearly basis.

A vote was taken with the following results:

1. Rubber mulch was preferred due to costs and safety
2. Poured in place – costs issues, safer than Engineered Wood Fiber, not enough evidence for chemical exposure
3. Engineered Wood fiber

UPCOMING REFERRALS – Dr. Kressler stated that there may be several upcoming referrals – Bike Master Plan and Food Safety/Vendors.

NEXT MEETING: The next PSAC meeting will be held in mid-December. Dr. Kressler will send an e-mail asking members their availability.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.