

MEETING OF PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 3, 2013

ROLL CALL: The meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:10p.m. Present were Dr. Laura Kressler, Cynthia Comproni, Stan Zirkin, Mary Thomas and Matthew Inzeo . City Liaisons Captain Kemp and Mary Johnson and Councilmember Ed Putens and John Abell were also present.

MINUTES: The minutes of the June 4, 2013 (revised with corrections 9/2/2013) were approved. Dr. Kressler will e-mail them to Mary Johnson.

OLD BUSINESS – CROSSWALKS – Mrs. Comproni said she would like to see additional crosswalks on Ridge Road, specifically at Mowatt Church. Dr. Kressler said she would ask Celia Craze, Director of Planning and Community Development to a future meeting discuss Mrs. Comproni’s concern.

YOUTH CURFEW REFERRAL WORK SESSION 8/19/2013 REVIEW – Dr. Kressler gave a review of the Work Session. Dr. Kressler stated that Windsor Green believes there are problems on the playground and stated the following:

- Windsor Green has hired a Security Company
- Windsor Green stated they are very active in Neighborhood Watch
- Signage has been placed stating the “Park is Closed at Dark”

At the work session, Captain Schinner explained the difference between juvenile and adults with respect to curfews. Prince George’s County does not prosecute youth curfew incidents.

Questions were also raised about the Greenbelt’s Police Departments CAD system and its functionality. Dr. Kressler asked Captain Kemp if there is a concern about the CAD system. Captain Kemp said it works as advertised.

Other highlights of the work session were as follows:

- CRAB suggested that more recreational activities be provided to youth
- Most offenders are adults not youth
- Continued CARES involvement
- Councilmember Herling suggested to have movie nights/concerts for youth
- Councilmember Pope suggested that ERHS auditorium be used for activities
- PSAC – use the Greenbelt News Review as a tool on education to call the Greenbelt Police if you see anything suspicious
- Police saturation patrols at Windsor Green

NEW BUSINESS: - REQUEST FORM GHI FOR PSAC TO PARTICIPATE IN AN "ARE YOU READY" EVENT ON 9/29/13 FROM 11:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Dr. Kressler stated that this is a FEMA type of event and it will be held at the Roosevelt Center. Mrs. Comproni asked if PSAC has information material available to hand out. Dr. Kressler stated she believes so.

ABELL PETITION ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY – Per the attached Council Referral, Mr. Abell stated he was suggesting the city adopt a policy on reporting crime to the community and special procedures for child pornography. Please refer to the letter dated 10/21/12 to City Council of Greenbelt from John Abell.

After a review of the 10/21/12 letter, Mr. Zirkin stated that if the person is not convicted it would be against due process. Mr. Abell stated this would be child pornography images on the computer, it would not be just an accusation but very specific. Mr. Abell said it should be suspects who were investigated and arrested.

Mr. Zirkin replied that it should be limited to people who are convicted. Discussion ensued and it was decided that the City could use CARES or some other avenue to educate the community regarding child pornography. It also seemed reasonable and within the City's power to accommodate that the court of competent jurisdiction be asked to require therapy as part of sentencing.

Mr. Abell asked Captain Kemp if the City Council asked the Greenbelt Police to put information on i.e. a murder, would you put the information out there. Captain Kemp replied yes. Mr. Abell stated in reference to G.O. 621, that sets forth the policy on the types of information that may and may not be released to the media, it seems to be a judgment call.

Councilmember Putens stated that the city policy is what the Greenbelt Police is now doing. Also, due to the discussion between Mr. Abell and PSAC, Councilperson Putens stated that all of two recommendations that are worth thinking about.

Captain Kemp stated that George Matthews, Public Information Officer, Greenbelt Police Department may be able to customize the current DARE program to include an educational component regarding child pornography.

Dr. Kressler stated to Mr. Abell that PSAC appreciates his concern for our community and educating the community is very important.

NEXT MEETING: The next PSAC meeting will be held on October 1, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.