

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

Virtual Meeting

Port Angeles, Washington

August 17, 2022 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Andrew Schwab called the regular meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Board to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Gayle Brauner, John Hauck, Michael McGuire, Andrew Schwab, Evan Brown

Absent: Jesse Charles, Kathleen Graf, Autumn Hudgins, Kelsey Lane, Mary Margolis, Octavia Smith

Staff Present: Derrell Sharp, Assistant Fire Chief; Brian Smith, Police Chief; Catherine Dewey, Secretary

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

With no quorum, the May, and July minutes will not be approved. Gayle's recommended changes to the May minutes are attached for consideration.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

PUBLIC HEARINGS/OTHER BUSINESS:

STAFF UPDATES:

1. Fire Department Report – Chief Sharp informed the Board that they have a conditional offer out to a Paramedic candidate out of Arizona with an October start date. Fire also has a vacancy in the Community Paramedic Office that they are currently recruiting for. We currently have 3 Firefighter/EMTs enrolled in Paramedic Training. Firefighter EMT has Ben Clark successfully completed the WA State fire academy and Firefighter/Paramedics Gosling and Johnston have just started the Fire Academy. Sam Harik & Andrews Gullickson successfully completed the recruit academy for fire department volunteers. An exciting announcement is that new Volunteer Sam Harik participated in Camp Blaze, a firefighting camp for young women. Sam was then invited to assist in a similar camp based out of Oakland, California for 9th through 12th graders later this year. The Community Paramedic Program and PAFD has been awarded a \$35,000 grant to assist in technology for the program.
2. Police Department Report – Chief Smith said the Summer is keeping them busy but a few interesting things that have come up recently are graffiti/spray painting property, 2 separate incidents where individuals were caught in the act and arrested. On their Facebook page recently was a case on an individual who received 84 months in jail the other post on their Facebook was regarding the two individuals who caused a scene at the Emergency room where trespassing, and assault took place. Their Facebook page is a great way to see what is going on in their world and the community. On the staffing front they are fully staffed in patrol and records, there are several positions open in dispatch. Recruiting bonuses are being offered for Dispatch. Officer Knight completes the academy... Code Enforcement Officer Miller completed the academy and has come to us from San Diego Police Department.
Code Enforcement success are being seen and some things are getting cleaned up
The north side of West 18th street in front of Serenity House will be marked as No Parking

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION:

1. Workplan continued: Chair Schwab recommended tabling this discussion for the September meeting so that we have a quorum and can take action if necessary.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

- 1) Members may make statements or offer observations about the character or work of the board without having any specific agenda item.
- 2) Michael McGuire – Continued Report on his Ride-along with PD – would like to table the discussion until the board has a quorum.
- 3) Chari Schwab- Follow up on conversation regarding vacant Tribal seats and appointments
Attendance of Board Members – The City Code dictates that Council can remove any member for any reason but also that if a member misses 3 or more consecutive meetings the board may assume that you are no longer a member. Secretary to reach out to all members who have missed 3 or more meetings to see what their intention is moving forward so that we are able to make quorum in order for the Board to make action.
- 4) Evan noted that the lack of attendance in the summer is the reason that the Board historically took summers of and should be considered next year when deciding on holding meetings during these summer months.
- 5) Gayle reminded Board members that at the September meeting we will have a panel on Missing and murdered indigenous women and people and the first report came on August 1st and is very informative so she suggests the board read it ahead of time in preparation for the September meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Schwab ended the meeting at 7:00pm

The next Scheduled PSAB Meeting September 21st, 2022

Gayle Brauner, PSAB member

I. May Minutes – changes

A. Under the resource I gave about Interior Dept. boarding schools, there needs to be only 2 numbers (1, 2)– because #2 and 3 are the same link.

B. Reports by board members – mine: Needs some punctuation and syntax changes so the passage reads smoothly: Such as --- “GB provided a resource from the U.S. Dept. of Interior, Sec. Deb Haaland, the first ever Native American person to serve as Sec of the DOI. The DOI released a first report on the Govt’s program of Native American children’s boarding schools, in conjunction with some churches, and how these facilities had a devastating effect on the lives of children and their families, the indigenous population and culture. Resources enclosed. ”

C. My motion to ask Council to consider adding personnel for Fire Dept. in 2023 budget.

1. It states that Chief Dubuc said to have Financial give a budget overview PRIOR to any recommendation to add another worker to the FD.

2. I listened to the May audio. As far as I can hear, Chief Dubuc did not say we needed to wait to make a recommendation PRIOR to hearing from Financial, and I have no reason to believe that he’d meant for PSAB to WAIT until Financial explained how budgetary priorities are made. If he did mean to wait, I never would have made the motion.

3. A couple of PSAB board members did say that the Board should wait until hearing from Financial before making the recommendation.

4. PSAB duties and responsibilities, #3, supports the board making recommendations with budgetary implications.

5. No vernacular used in the duties & responsibilities, or the ordinances which govern the PSAB, states that budgetary recommendations, including personnel, made by the Board must be equivalent for both the Fire and PD. In fact, PSAB precedent proves differently. It’s a team effort. Budget is determined by need. This makes sense.

6. When PSAB recommends, it does not mean the decision is made. It means that the Board sees a need and wants to bring it to the Council’s attention.