

March 26, 2007 Public Safety Committee ++ approved ++
Members Present: Art Jess, Paul Nelson, David Voth, LaVerne Bryant, Jan Hotze

Meeting called to order at 5 pm and opened with pledge of allegiance.

Review of Minutes tabled until next meeting.

Chair proposed that he prepare a report for committee review to be forwarded to Borough Assembly. Chair reported clarification that PSC meets quarterly with additional meetings at the discretion of the Committee. We were reminded that Jerry Lapp is our liaison with the Assembly and that our minutes go into the Assembly packets for their review. If we want issues addressed specifically we might consider asking Jerry to bring them before the Assembly.

Old Business:

1. Testimony received from Erleen Lloyd and Richard Petersen was reviewed and discussed. It was noted that there was convergence in their testimony with concerns of the PSC follows:

- A. There has been a failure of HPD to respond to complainant either at all or in a timely manner as to the disposition of their complaint.
- B. The drug testing section of the HPD P&P cannot be implemented/ executed due to lack of local testing facilities, putting HPD out of compliance with State law. It was suggested that the Assembly direct HPD or PSC to work on compliance issues.
- C. It is suggested that the HPD P&P and Disaster Guide be made available to the Public at the Library, with the deletion of 12. Appendix B, which details police locations during a bank robbery.
- D. It is suggested that the public be able to make complaints about the HPD by mail.

2. There was a general discussion of the responsibilities of the PSC to review police reports and track trends evidenced in PD statistics so that the PSC might advise the Assembly on programs addressing data-based needs. To that end we discussed requesting that the HPD track or provide data they already have so that we might evaluate issues around response to complaints made to Dispatch. Specific requests will be worked on at the next meeting.

New Business

Discussion of the equity of expecting our paid Fire/Ems staff to act as volunteers. Will look into how this is handled in other towns and how our staff feels about the issue.

Next Meeting April 2

Adjourned at 6:20pm

Jan Hotze, Secretary.