

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 5, 2015
Carlisle Police Department Headquarters
7:30 a.m.

In Attendance

Don Grell	Mayor Scott	Bob Wertz	Connie Biers
Robin Guido	Chief Margeson	Nathan Harig	Shari Minnich
Perry Heath	Lt. Latshaw	Jeff Snyder	Sgt. Himes
Linda Ceconello	Matt Candland	Rick Friebe	Kurt Tadich
Shawn Shultz	Debra Figueroa	Bruce Koziar	Harold Brandt
			Ron Kuhn
			Tony Cline

1. Chairman Grell called the August Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.
2. The June and July Public Safety Committee Minutes were not approved.
3. Around The Table

Fire - Chief Snyder reported 56 calls for July; 92 in June. 50% of those calls were for storm-related. Hose and water tests continue. 16 Fire Prevention programs. A new engine has been ordered and will be delivered in a year. There will be a training on Sept. 22 at the CPD.

EMS - On August 25, EMS will be receiving a grant from Congressman Barletta.

Police – Chief Margeson reported July was a busy/active month. A lot of Cases of Special Interest will be included in his July Report. The police department has received concerns from neighborhoods so the police have “beefed up” their patrols, foot patrols, and bike patrols. The police have received a good response from the residents due to the positive interaction between the police and the citizens. Cameras are to be implemented in these areas.

Fire Police – Capt. Wertz reported a busy July with storm-related calls. In June, there were 62 alarms. 306 Fire Police were out on calls with 250 hours of manpower. 4 new people became Fire Policemen.

Dickinson DPS - The Central Youth Ballet will be leaving soon. August 14, sports teams report; August 23, first half of the Freshmen report; August 26, the second half of Freshmen report; August 29, the rest of the

students and August 31, school begins.

Neighborhood Assoc. - Shari Minnich thanked everyone for attending last week's meeting. She stated the residents came out of the meeting feeling empowered.

SOSO - Connie Biers stated there have been no monthly meetings, so nothing to report. On September 12, there will be a picnic at the Tot Lot.

Elm Street - No report.

4. Carlisle Events Proposed Street Closure Traffic Plan

Harold Brandt, Ron Kuhn and Tony Cline from Carlisle Events completed a Special Events Application for Council approval for their Fall Carlisle Collector Car Auction. As their auctions continue to grow they feel they can better manage traffic flow and congestion with a temporary closing of one block of Pitt Street between K and I Streets.

Their auction consists of approximately 350 collector cars to be sold on October 1 and 2. They will receive cars between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. beginning September 29, leading up to the auction on October 3.

Carlisle Events provided a map to show the area they want to close.

They will go door-to-door to the 8 townhomes and the 1 home on Pitt Street to notify them of the temporary street closure. They will provide a parking sticker for those residents affected by this temporary street closure. They will provide security at each gate and proper signage leading up to the closure.

Mr. Grell stated that this is a workshop type meeting, and that Council will need to discuss and approve this request at the August Council meeting.

5. Speed Hump – 100 block of W. Penn Street

This item was previously discussed at the June Public Safety Committee meeting. Mayor Scott asked that Council approve this request. Council Member Guido asked how many pedestrian accidents have taken place there. There was 1 pedestrian accident in that area. Council Member Guido stated she is not in favor of placing a permanent speed hump at that location. She feels that Council is setting a precedent by placing a speed hump at that location, then other residents would want speed humps at their residential areas.

Council Member Guido asked if there were any programs to educate children on walking, running out onto the street. Chief Margeson stated at the beginning of the summer vacation, there was a program at Hope Station and the Recreation Center targeting these

groups. Manager Candland stated that Mark Malarich is looking into getting criteria for speed humps. The criteria is a rating/point scale comprehensive approach.

The Mayor stated he has been hearing concerns from these residents for the past 3-4 years.

Chief Margeson stated that enforcement in that area is problematic due to the short stretch of street. The speed display has been placed at that location in both directions on a weekly basis.

There are currently 3 signs that show “Children at Play” to slow traffic.

It was decided to purchase the speed hump and with a time-limited temporary basis. Council will wait for criteria from Rick and if new criteria information is warranted for that location a permanent speed hump would be placed there.

6. Street Lighting and Speed Signs – W. Chapel Avenue (behind Borough Hall)

Mayor Scott was asked by the Miller’s (who live on W. Chapel Avenue) if more street lighting could be installed. It was recommended by Rep. Bloom, who visited with them, that street lighting would be a good deterrent from vandalism. The Mayor is asking Council if they would consider extra street lighting in that area.

As for the speed signs, Chief Margeson stated you cannot place speed limit signs in alleys. The location of the Miller’s residence is somewhat in an alley-area way.

It was decided that this request would be a budget item and if Council deemed it appropriate, they will consider. There is no fee for installation of a new light pole from PP&L.

7. Additional Surveillance Cameras

The Mayor requested the following for additional surveillance cameras:

1. Upgrade the wireless network.
2. Upgrade the Server.
3. Upgrade the Memorial Park camera.
4. Purchase drop cameras.

The Mayor stated that the first 3 items could be purchased from CDBG funds.

The police department has received a proposal from the current camera vendor, Cam Teck System.

Council Member Guido asked why this is an immediate need. This request was put in for the 2016 CIP.

It was decided that a proposal will be placed on the September Council meeting agenda to use CDBG grant money for the purchase of upgrading the network, upgrading the server and upgrading the Memorial Park camera and a budget amendment for the purchase of drop cameras.

Chairman Grell asked if the October Public Safety Committee meeting could be an Open Mike meeting like the Mayor has had in the past. The Mayor stated the last one was not well attended.

8. Old Business

Nothing to report

9. Public Comment

Nothing to report.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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