

MOA Public Safety Advisory Commission Meeting
April 8, 2020 at 4:30 pm
From various locations in Anchorage via Zoom conferencing

Members Present: Loren Leman (Vice Chairman), Sharon Chamard, Garry Gilliam, Charles An, Erich Reed

Members Absent: Amber Christensen Fullmer, Andalyn Pace, Nick Danger (chairman).

Representatives: Chief Jodie Hettrick represented AFD. Lt. Gina Burington represented APD. Andrew Preis from OEM was unable to attend. The Assembly was not represented.

1. **Call to order/housekeeping:** After informal conversation among commissioners getting into the Zoom call, Vice Chairman Loren Leman called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm. He proposed to follow the agenda he had distributed by email and Erich Reed posted on his host screen—no objections. Loren explained Zoom procedures and asked participants to mute their microphones or be very quiet when not speaking.
2. **Roll Call:** The roll call showed five commission members present (see the list above).
3. **Minutes:** Draft minutes for our March 11 meeting at City Hall are not yet available. Corey Todoroff was present for that meeting and likely took notes. Chief Hettrick will check with her to see if we can use her notes to construct minutes. Loren will look for his notes and he asked others who may have kept notes to send them to him so we can prepare a written record.
4. **Introductions:** Vice Chairman Leman welcomed Chief Hettrick and Lt. Burington.
5. **Reports: AFD. Chief Hettrick** is grateful for the election results for the propositions. All of the propositions that affect AFD are currently passing. Proposition 9, regarding leasing equipment, is currently passing 65/35. The MOA has stood up an Emergency Operations Center to coordinate municipal response to the coronavirus pandemic. AFD is a big part of that. Because of staff travel and subsequent rules for 14-day quarantine upon return to Alaska, the department had 47 people quarantined, but are now is almost back to full strength. AFD is scheduling staff at stations to reduce the chance for “cross-pollination” with the virus. So far, so good. Calls have gone up slightly, but transports have gone down. She discussed some new hires, posting of jobs, and lateral transfers. She asked us to continue to remind people of the importance of hand washing, wearing a mask, and keeping the recommended separation distance. She responded to questions. **APD.** Lt. Burington said that APD is trying to conduct business as usual, but it is different now with many of the staff working from home. Officers are wearing PPE, following revised procedures about handling items like drivers’ licenses, and dispatch is asking screening questions on calls. Tensions are understandably high, but they are doing their jobs. APD has prepared emergency staffing plans and is ready to respond to various conditions in the community, including civil unrest. Many of their meetings are virtual. She responded to questions. **OEM.** No report. Loren will see if Andrew Preis can submit a brief written report. **Assembly.** Not present. No report.
6. **Old business:** Loren reminded members that we still need to deal with the election for commission chairmanship, but didn’t need to do it today. He prefers to wait until Chairman Danger can attend. Erich summarized our consensus that we hold off on this action until our May meeting, and perhaps even later. No objection.
7. **New business:** Loren raised the issue of our summer meeting schedule and if we want to drop meeting one or more months. He suggested July, if any at all, because of the importance now of staying connected with public safety. We agreed to think about this and discuss it again in May.
8. **Audience participation:** No other members of the public were present.
9. **Commissioner comments:** All expressed gratefulness for technology so we could meet and communicate--also for Erich’s help in getting the Zoom meeting set up. Sharon is able to teach

her classes at UAA (they were already online classes), but she is being more flexible with students to respond to their needs. She is particularly concerned about the ability of nursing students to be able to complete their hospital rotations. Erich told us about a community in Alabama that is supporting first responders and others by producing PPE with 3-D printers. He posted a link in the chat bar. Loren told about his experience researching and responding to a request from local nurses for face masks—and was able to find 3-D printers that could do this at UAA and at another university. However, a 3-D printer is slow, so mass production is not really practical. However, in case of emergency, this may be another way to deliver protective equipment.

- 10. Next meeting/Adjournment:** Scheduled for Wednesday, May 13 at 4:30 pm. The location will be decided later—but probably will be by Zoom again. Vice Chairman Leman adjourned the meeting at 5:19 pm.

Draft minutes prepared and distributed by Loren Leman on April 8, 2020. Approved at May 13 meeting.