

MOA Public Safety Advisory Commission Meeting

August 12, 2020

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Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present

Erich Reed
Sharon Chamard
Garry Gilliam
Amber Fullmer
Emily Edenshaw
Kendra Kloster
Charlene Apok

Members Absent

Andalyn Pace

Representatives Present

BC Young Suenram, AFD
LT Burington, APD
Andrew Preis, OEM

Call to order Meeting called to order at 4:35 pm, quorum present.

Minutes: July minutes approved.

Reports

AFD, Battalion Chief Young Suenram

- Deployment of Air Purifying device, used to have one per seat, now deploying close to 400, 1 to each firefighter.
- Currently recruiting for academy next year.
- Wildfire season is mostly over, moderate to low risk at this point.
- Station 11 apparatus being upgraded, new bond approved for new truck company for Station 3 at Airport Heights and continued purchase of new ambulances.
- Apparatus Engineer academy ongoing will wrap up this month who will be able to act and promote into engineer positions.

APD, Lieutenant Burington

- Recent K9 Handler and K9 retirement
- Continuing to monitor protests, rallies, etc. Have had peaceful gatherings with no issues that other districts have had.

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- Clothesline project was a success.
- Captain 1 still working on camp abatement. Proposal in the works to move responsibility of camp abatement and storage to SWS rather than Parks and Rec. Will get us to a point where we can do camp abatement year-round, rather than allowing to build up and have large tasks in the spring.
- Promoted our sergeants, now going through training process. Field training developed a couple years ago which prepares them for the job.
- 13 recruits still in field training.
- New recruit academy ongoing, will graduate in the winter.
- Policies are now online on muni.org for public to read and review.
- Question to commissioners: Are you getting the information you need/want to hear? Can send to Lt. Burington before future meetings for her to prepare to answer.
 - Reid: Thank you for that, it is something we have discussed. We want to make sure we are making the best use of your time. We appreciate that. Is there anything you need us to do to support the year-round abatement?
 - Burington: It is currently moving forward, one of the topics that came up during the community briefings about the alcohol tax. If the commissioners feel it's necessary and appropriate, we would appreciate you passing that on in an appropriate manner to help move that forward.
 - Gilliam: Heard you mention you've been monitoring some of the group gatherings, a number of people have called asking about restaurants like Kriners being targeted for having people in their dining area when other groups are able to gather to demonstrate. Also heard that ANTIFA is coming to Alaska to demonstrate next month. Any truth to that.
 - Burington: Have seen the online reports of ANTIFA but have not been able to verify. We have been contacted by one organization who intended to hold a rally and we are working with them to gather more information.
 - Gilliam: I have directed concerned folks to reach out to the mayor's office.
 - Burington: It is the mayor's office issuing the orders. APD has remained neutral. Enforcement of those orders belongs to Code Enforcement at this time.
 - Concerned that we will become like Seattle or Portland.
 - Burington: At this time, we have not seen any behavior like that. We have limits as to what we will allow, and we have not seen anything beyond that.
 - Gilliam: Think it would be beneficial for the mayor to make a statement in regard to not allowing our community to become like other communities we have seen. Concerned with potential outside agitators.

OEM, Andrew Preis

- Gave brief update in July on difference between OEM and EOC.
 - OEM Muni office under Muni Manager. During emergency like COVID, we activate the EOC. Currently still running the EOC.

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- 6th month of EOC, have taken current case count increases and community exposure into consideration and are largely remote as the EOC. Some working home, some splitting between home and office. Still operating fully.
- Reporting on Contact Extension for Prov to continue to run drive through collection site. We are still working on that; they are still currently providing that service. Was set to end in June, but Muni didn't have any good options so Prov is still providing the service. Have been some traffic issues, with signage and help from APD and Traffic Dept we are controlling.
- Entertaining VISIT HEALTHCARE has signed contract with MOA and has set up sample collection sites. List of sites on Muni.org, including Visit Healthcare sites. 3rd of 4th week of having that organization working.
- Working with UAA on project studying Genotyping. If you have technical questions regarding the project, can contact Mayor's office. Research has started and once results are in we will share with the team.
- Getting ready to partner w/ local non-profits regarding second round of distribution of cloth masks made by Hanes and passed to us through the Maritime Association via the Port. Muni public transportation, Lutheran and catholic social services, Anchorage Public Libraries, Mass Shelter Site, total of 44,000 masks handed out. Anticipating more of these manufactured cloth face coverings coming from the Federal government. They have committed 1 million to Alaska, anticipating about 200-300k for Anchorage. Will continue to partner w/ local organizations to distribute.
- Receiving and distribution process for deploying PPE to local medical providers. Continue to get contributions from DHHS, FEMA, etc. We have developed a single point ordering system for local providers to request PPE. Using inventory software (idea from AFD) to help inventory and let providers know what we have, alongside our warehouse in Spenard Rec Center which has a full receiving, inventory and distribution system. About 5-10 requests per day. Turnaround time is 1-2 days, mostly due to pick up times.
- Garry's request from last meeting regarding general trends w/ confirmed cases, still working on getting responses from the agencies responsible for tracking that information. Anchorage Health Department contact tracing network currently swamped, tracing many active cases and many points of contact required. Hope to have more information by next meetings. Information available on the muni and state COVID websites on data and trends.
- PIO continue to stay very busy keeping public informed on emergency orders, updating website, working on infographics that will go out to public shortly.
- Proving wrap around services for homeless populations for means and shelter. Have quarantine facilities available for isolating after positive test, or while awaiting results. Also providing non-emergency transportation.
- From Office of OEM:
- Emergency Management Performance Grant: Lots of documentation to ensure we can continue to receive the grant. For 2020 we were approved for the \$200,000 grant that we have been receiving for salary and benefits to continue

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the work of the OEM.

- Hired new employee on OEM staff, also working in EOC. Working in Finance and Disaster Recovery, along with COVID recovery in regard to Federal grants.
- Started planning for event in October, Great Alaska Shakeout, opportunity for community to take part in earthquake safety drill. Provides education to public on what to do and what not to do, how to prepare emergency kit, general disaster and safety preparedness.
- If there's anything you'd like to see in the reports, echoing Lt. Burington, please let me know. For the foreseeable future reports will be COVID heavy, but happy to bring information on other topics of insurance.

Apok – Thanks to everyone for the updates. Have a question for Andrew, can you quickly go back to the UAA Genotyping project. Is this a research project?

Pries – Will tread lightly, yes, it is a research project that UAA proposed and brought to Muni. We have written up a contract for them to carry out the Genotyping project, generally geared toward transmission of COVID-19 virus and various genetic aspects. Can glean a lot of information from the sample collections and the State lab to provide information on how they perceive the community transmission. Can dovetail into other studies happening at the State and Federal level as well. Will bring information on the contract agreement and any results we collect to the next meeting.

Old Business

Discuss Potential Special Meeting for Strategic Planning –

- Reid: Would like to meet with everyone available sometime in the next week or so. Pertinent to narrow down what we want the commission to produce for the Anchorage Assembly. Important for us to request specific information from APD, AFD and OEM so that we can make decisions.
- Apok: Will need at least a week or 2 notice to attend strategic planning with school starting, working from home, etc.
- Reid: Agreed. Don't see the first meeting going very long, we can iron out details of what we'd like to do moving forward.
- Chamard: Second Charlene's comment about needing more notice. Want to encourage everyone to read the audit that came out, it points out some of the issues and will help us overhaul. We haven't produced anything for the assembly in a year and a half, and I think it's time to start afresh. Last time we talked about a strategic planning meeting we discussed meeting in person. Look forward to a meeting with everyone.
- Kloster: Look forward to doing a work session. Would love to dig into objectives and goals, get historic information on the commission, ensure the reports we give us the information that we need. We should pick a day today

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while we are on the phone so that we can get that scheduled. If we are thinking more than one meeting, maybe we schedule 2 now. Everyone is trying to balance being teachers, parents and working.

- Reid: Sounds like 2 weeks is good time, would anyone to object to Wednesday 2 weeks from now
- Gilliam: I have always wanted the commission the move toward a more active roll in the community. May want to look at dividing up by district, or community councils, talk to the community and see what they have to say, then provide information to the agencies, and get the information that our constituents want to hear. Hate to see any wasted time providing information. Would like each commissioner to think about the tasks they want to cover and provide it to the team in a week so that we have something to discuss in a meeting in 2 weeks.
- Reid: Great idea. Can send ideas to Ashley who can compile them and provide back to the group.
- Fullmer: Unable to meet 2 weeks from now at 4:30, but 5:00 would work.
- Ashley will send out invite for 8/26 at 5:15 at Alaska Native Heritage Center (pending approval from Emily)
- Kloster: Concerned about in person meeting, would appreciate electronic option, also wants to note that AKNHC was closed for 72 hours due to confirmed cases of COVID.
- **Disclosure**
- **Elections: next month**

New Business

- **PSAC Website/Meeting Notices Reid/Ashley will update.**
- Gilliam: In years past we did have community involvement when meetings were later in the evenings.
- Apok: Was a guest and attended the Assembly's Public Safety meeting earlier today. AO-22-80 was put forward and we may want to have a discussion in order to provide our input. Will provide to Ashley to send to team.
- Burington: Ordinance discussion will be linked on assembly website by tomorrow. Encourage commissioners to listen to the discussion to assist.

Next meeting: September 9, 2020

Adjournment: 5:41 p.m.