



PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION

July 13, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Municipal Manager's Conference Room
8th Floor, City Hall, Anchorage, AK

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair M. Smulski at 6:04 PM.

2. ATTENDANCE

Present:

Mark Mew
Sam O'Connor
Tony Piper (Phone)
Elsa Sargento
Mike Smulski
Chuck Springer (Phone)
Lynda Zaugg

Members Absent:

Robyn Birkedal
Precyous Council (excused)

Others Present:

Denis LeBlanc, Municipal Manager
Heather Handyside, Director, Community Preparedness
Craig Goodrich, Health & Safety Deputy Chief, AFD
Audie Holloway, Deputy Chief, APD
Catherine Curtis, Office of the Municipal Manager
Alan Loken and two colleagues, Alaska Medical Support Team

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Approval of June 8, 2005 Minutes
No action taken.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Introduction of Catherine Curtis to Commissioners
- b. Anchorage Police Department (APD) status report
Dep. Chief Audie Holloway reported on court crowding issue and illustrated problem severity with statistics. APD could provide DA's Office many more cases than they could prosecute, but adding more prosecutors would not resolve issue as court system is over-crowded with cases. Example: That week 43 cases scheduled for trial. Court could only handle 3 trials; APD and DA had to prepare for all 43. Friday before trial week judges selected 3 cases to go to trial, leaving PD and DA to deal with last-minute cancellations. Remaining 40 cases left in trailing status. APD has attempted to get court's attention on matter for at least four years; almost all jurisdictions suffer problem. DC Holloway said DA Bob Linton is willing to speak to PSAC about the problem.
- c. Identification of Commissioner to follow up on court overcrowding issue

Chuck Springer, Mark Mew, & Mike Smulski offered to represent commission on issue and will follow up in coming weeks.

d. Anchorage Fire Department (AFD) Status Report

Dep. Chief Goodrich reported AFD being displaced from Training Center and automotive shop due to road construction. AFD working with APD and Office of Emergency Management to potentially merge interests (apparatus and vehicle maintenance, storage needs, etc.) in new facility. Public Safety Task Force was created to address issue, headed by APD and shepherded by Dept. of Corrections representative. Most realistic location being considered adjoins current APD property. New funding approved for Station #4 rebuild on Tudor and McCinnes. DC Goodrich will report on fire station locations and response-times at next meeting.

e. Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Status Report

Comm. Preparedness Director, Heather Handyside reported on upcoming Alaska Shield/Northern Edge federal/state/local emergency exercises August 15-19. Large-scale exercise scheduled at Kincaid Park Thursday, Aug. 18 10am-4pm to test response to mass casualties. 150 volunteers will act as victims. Volunteers needed; H. Handyside will give C. Curtis flier to distribute to PSAC members. OEM is working on rewrite of Community Emergency Management Plan (now called Emergency Operations Plan), which is expected to be promulgated by Mayor in December.

f. Alaska Medical Support Team presentation

Alan Loken presented on Alaska Medical Support Team, Inc. AMST lacks classroom and office space as well as a long-term storage facility for vehicles, etc. They are seeking assistance from AFD and community. DC Goodrich acknowledged problem; AFD has request under consideration. AFD struggles for space as well. S. O'Connor called for resolution asking AFD to assist AMST with issue. Resolution passed. H. Handyside offered use of classroom space at Emergency Operations Center.

g. Identification of Commission spokesperson

T. Piper agreed to act as PSAC spokesperson. L. Zaugg offered to help. DC Goodrich suggested talking to AFD Public Information Officer Tom Kempton for guidance.

h. Web site update

C. Curtis obtained software and will work with S. O'Connor to gather information for site before training.

i. Other

Discussion about selecting PSAC Community Council liaison followed. S. O'Connor, L. Zaugg, T. Piper, E. Sargento, and P. Council (in email) offered to help. It was decided that all members should participate and that 2 members should attend meetings together for support. C. Curtis will review and distribute bylaw draft.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting scheduled for August 10, 2005, Mayor's Conference Room.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

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