

Neighborhood Safety Commission

December 21, 2018

Meeting began at 830

Present-

Joe G

Larry G

Andy S

Jeff W

Karen H

Joel C

Carol M

Glenn M

Judge Bloom

Tim H

Carl D

There is quorum

Minutes were adopted for the last two months of NSC Board meetings as there

was quorum

Director Heaton gave his report

It is busy this year, he said

Actual fund balance and so they are trying to figure out where to spend on capital projects

Presented to the BOC

Animal services - Capt Owens is not going to still be there as he was promoted. Animal services - might have someone to be promoted within the organization and not necessarily be the rank of a captain

Safety Village transition back to Fire. Some restructuring of the Mgmt team

Fire - normal. Some vacancies

PD - 70 vacancies incl 23 positions that

were approved. 30 to 50 will be the normal gap for Cobb PD. Retirements and folks getting out of law enforcement are the norm

Joe G said that Cobb County is doing better than DeKalb and Gwinnett on PD openings

Joe G said to check the Gwinnett figures

Judge Bloom pointed out that Atlanta just passed a pay increase for its police officers

Capt Bell said Atlanta still has 100 vacancies

Police have not had pay raise recently but Chmn Boyce was talking of a pay raise for 2020

Chmn Boyce said that he will not push for

a millage rate increase on his own and by himself without other Commissioners' support

Joe G criticized the Chmn for supporting longer hours for libraries and less for the public safety department

Amount going to PD is 70 M but County talking of going up to 85 M. If they take from the general fund to provide the increase, then that will come at the expense of other County departments

HB 489 - forced Gwinnett to do districts. All about not duplicating services so that cities and counties not paying for the same services

489 lead to a 10 year agreement and it was most recently signed 2 years ago

Director Heaton said Cobb County will

place orders for more police vehicles

Director Heaton gave a priority list and the BOC gave its input on that list and Public Safety is changing it based on that feedback

800 MHz, which is the county radio system, and Animal services are two items on the priority list for Public Safety

Cobb will allow 12 special ops officers to help in Atlanta with the Super Bowl (SB)

Some SB related events will be held at the Galleria and SunTrust

Larry G asked after the results of the Acrive shooter exercise which was held at the Battery - Carol asked to share

Police HQ building - old one will keep

911 and evidence storage and some PD will be in the bigger building owned by LGE and the new HQ will be located in buildings behind the trees

Part of old HQ will be demolished - that is prime real estate

Police closed on the old BJ Warehouse property on the E W Conn. Time table ?

Old police training space will remain the firing range

Tim H asked as to the effect of the SPLOST - Chmn wants the old SPLOST before the new transit/transportation one

Joel gave report on the Community Awareness Committee's work

Judge Bloom talked about her committee moving meetings around to various

precincts

Karen H talked of wanting to see what the Gov elect is thinking of the safety issues in the schools and she is trying to meet with him and/or his officials about the

Karen H talked of how Campbell HS is hard to secure as a campus and has security vulnerabilities

Andy H gave report on talking to Lisa Wells and how we can move the ball forward

Carol M talked of all of the NSC committees having concrete plans for their respective committees by the next NSC meeting concerning what they are definitely doing as opposed to talking of making plans

There was some discussion of perhaps

moving the locations of the full NSC meetings but no definite plans made

Meeting adjourned at 940