

Neighborhood Safety Commission
January 18, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Present:

John Hightower - Burrell appointee

Trish Steiner

Carlton

Joel

Carol M

Jeff

Carl D.

Brian Keith-Hodges

Quorum is present for business

Meeting began at 8:31 a.m.

We held off on minutes until enough members for quorum arrived

Sam H gave his report

Animal Devices - Major Owens - went to Precinct 2

Shanna Like is serving vinterim director. Working on new job description. May make it a civilian position as having it be PD involves a lot of changes. Police detective will work out there

Brian K arrived

Sam Heaton resumed his report

Emergency mgmt - during SB before it they will be open and trying to work with software tying into Atlanta region

Sam said no impact on federal officers and agencies due to shutdown

Shaw Circus on Friday at the Battery

Flag football with celebrities at the field

Tastes of the NFL will be at Galleria

Under meet mgmt all 75 weather sirens around the County have all been upgraded. Takes a lot of time. Will allow sectional sirens around County

Break room in 911 finished. Quiet rooms there for dispatchers to decompress.

Security or fencing contemplated for 911 parking lots - have been confronted by persons in the lot

Fire Dept - station 1 on Mableton Pkwy foundations were to be laid but rains are causing it to be postponed

Station 7 - in design phase

Station 17 - going out to bid

Station 12 - planning for rebuild

Station 31 - will work on this, this year

Police - closed on the LGE property
Old BJ - paid for and to be new training facilities. Work will start in 2 months

LGE Building - 2 year lease agreement on it but LGE may close on its own parcels

Precinct 2 Dis 4 - fire station on Factory Shoals. Working on some type of soft opening.

May have kiosk or store front on Riverside Window officer and admin and a conference room and a cell - maybe 1900 square feet

Not enough money for a full fledged precinct but may have a mini precinct. Not have a site yet

50 vehicles - order has been placed

\$5 M may be in budget next year for cars

Heaton indicated that he has told that the County will need to plan to spend \$ each year for the cars

Flat budget - told that what you got last year, will be what you get this year.
Will be asking for a couple of people for maintenance and some PT people for mini precinct and SO for staff for this building.

End of March. - Chief Register is looking for a comp/strategic plan for PD itself

March 4 - starting the security downstairs. Was going to be SO only and PD and SO will tag team it

Demetrius - social media guru - having a positive impact thru Twitter, FB, etc.

March 29 will be Heaton's final day. 33

years of service. He hopes they will choose from within Public Safety itself

The public safety director position has already been opened up. 15 to 20 applied

Chief Register joined us

Carol M mentioned that DeKalb County is using some new system. The Ring system was discussed. Carol said she will have to get the article

Carol - PENS posted in all precincts. Content varies. Asked about crime data

Chief - new website - try to get the data out there. In the next year, crime reporting will have to be done in a uniform way as per federal guidelines. Cobb trying to get a jump on this. May create a fluctuation of up to 10% compared to the old way because the new guideline changes

categories & definitions.

Sam said that the fire fighters are about where they are. Fire vacancies are holding level. They will get down to a certain number and then they will get new classes

Jeff Wood said he appreciated Sam's help over the years

Alicia Hicks - came to talk about Cobb County PAL

2009 - got 501c3 status

2010 - programming first started. Started track&field and football

2016 - added soccer, midnight basketball and baseball and stepping and martial arts and mentoring to their programs

Take kids on field trips to SkyZone and such

All of the officers involved in this, are volunteers. They are not paid for this work with the kids

Carol asked for a calendar of events to be sent to her so that NSC can support Alicia's efforts

Capt Bell pointed out how the kids are not charged any money to participate either

Carol gave a report of her own

Carol mentioned another group and working on concerns as to the rates of suspensions and expulsions of African American students from school. This is much higher than for Whites. She said this is both crime prevention and education.

Joel gave the report for the Community

Awareness Committee.

Carlton mentioned how this might be just an education issue and so not an NSC issue and Carol provided an explanation of her thoughts of this

Senior / Mental Health - Andy meeting got changed

Public Safety Interface - ready to go on 3 different projects. Mentioned talk to the Chief Beck and to the DA and to Barry Morgan and of how he had visited the jail for tours.

Jeff indicated that he envisioned taking the meetings of the NSC to the various locations

Carol said she will be missing the March meeting of the NSC due to previously scheduled travel plans

Jeff proposed the February 2019 meeting for the jail visit and tour

Carl mentioned how we need to check with Chief Jailer as to visits and said 830 is a tough time to visit since meds are being given out and inmates taken to court

Jeff said he will confirm with Chief Beck of SO on February 2019 as to jail

March is the month of the elections

April and June are our away meetings of the NSC

Jeff mentioned the minutes and trying to style them in a different way

Carlton approved and Jeff seconded those meeting minutes from December

2018

Carol passed out the roster of the NSC members in paper form to all

Meeting was adjourned at 955 am