

AGENDA

Police Advisory Board

Date & Time:	Thursday - May 17 th , 2018 7:00pm
Location:	Sherwood Police Department Community Room 20495 SW Borchers Dr., Sherwood, OR

Attendees

P.A.B. Members:	Council Liaison:
Chris West - Chair	Councilor Kim Young
Diane Foster - Vice Chair	City Staff:
Jason Burdge	Jeff Groth - Police Chief
Andy Jensen	Angie Hass - Executive Assistant
Ralph Lohman	
Rich Miller	
Bob Silverforb	
Megan Thornton	
Laurie Zwingli	

Agenda

1. Call to Order (Vice Chair)
2. Roll Call (Vice Chair/Staff)
3. Approval of Minutes (Vice Chair)
4. Board Member Announcements (Vice Chair)
5. Business (Vice Chair)
 - a. Welcome New Board Member, Ralph Lohman
6. Councilor News
7. Staff Report(s)
8. Citizen Comment
9. Adjourn (Vice Chair)

April 2018 Priorities	Board Members
School Safety	Zwingli, Jensen, Thornton, Foster
Traffic Safety (Speed)	West, Miller, Thornton, Foster
Drugs & Youth	West, Miller, Foster
School Resource Officer(s)	Zwingli, Thornton
Community Involvement & Relationships	Zwingli, Jensen
Communication	Burdge

Goals From 2017 Annual Report
Collect Public Information Regarding Police Staffing and Budget
Citizen Police Academy
Gather Citizen & Officer Input on the Direction of Department Programs (Traffic)

Approved Minutes

Sherwood Police Advisory Board Meeting

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List of Meeting Attendees: N/A

Request to Speak Forms: N/A

Documents submitted at meeting:

N/A



Meeting Minutes



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1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Diane Foster called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Vice Chair Diane Foster, Jason Burdge, Ralph Lohman, Rich Miller, Megan Thornton and Laurie Zwingli

Board Members Absent: Chair Chris West, Andy Jensen and Bob Silverforb

Staff & City Council Liaison Present: Police Chief Jeff Groth and Executive Assistant Angie Hass (City Councilor Kim Young was needed at the Budget Committee Meeting.)

3. Approval of Minutes

April 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Zwingli made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. Ms. Thornton seconded the motion. All voted in favor to approve.

4. Board Member Announcements

Ms. Thornton announced the Sherwood Wine Festival & Artisans Fair is scheduled for June 29th and 30th at the Sherwood Center for the Arts. There will be different food trucks along with the different wineries and breweries. Hit Machine will be playing Friday night from 7:30-10:30 and a variety of entertainment is scheduled throughout the day and evening on Saturday. Les Schwab has donated as much water as will be needed, as well as funds.

Ms. Zwingli reminded the Board of the upcoming Sherwood Police Foundation's 2nd Annual Boots & Bling Fundraiser Dinner scheduled for the following Saturday (May 19th). Doors open at 5:30, the dinner begins at 6:00. She said a huge number of items have been donated for the silent and live auction. There are some really good things to benefit the Police Department including respite care for Officers, the Chaplaincy Program and the Comfort K-9 Program. There are 15 tickets left, if anyone is interested in attending. Mr. Miller asked how it was different from the Steak Out. Ms. Zwingli replied that it was one in the same.

Mr. Burdge wondered if there was any joint thought or approach with the news and the media around the negative publicity with Police Officer interactions. As a former Police Officer, he has mixed feelings as there are always two sides to the story. What always concerns him is the public reaction to the media coverage around incidences and how that affects our community. He wondered if there is a need for some type of an approach that the Board can help with overcoming any potential negative stereotype. He feels that when you're in the position of an Officer, you are very limited in what you can say. Wondering if there's something that would help to educate the community more so they feel safe and secure with the Police Department in our community and in approaching Officers.

The Chief replied that you can probably always do more, it just comes down to a matter of time. There's probably a lot more communication, use of social media and release of information that they'd like to do, but they just don't have the staff time to do it. The four people that are currently doing it include himself, the two Captains and Angie. They do what they can when time allows. That being said, his perception on Mr. Burdge's wondering was that as you drill down from the national perspective, all the way down to the local perspective, he thinks the perception improves dramatically. It has been his experience with this community that there is tremendous support and understanding about the job that they do and the way that they do it. He stated that he either hears nothing or hears positive feedback. When the sentiment was at its worse a few years ago and a lot of rioting was going on, people went out of their way to let them know that they thought the Sherwood Police did an amazing job, that they had their back and that they supported them. That revealed to him, a pretty good understanding from a lot of people. He stated that he can't speak for everyone, but what they see on the national news media is not representative of policing in their local community. If you go beyond that, the first layer where he thinks there are some difficulties, is at the State level in the legislature and he thinks a lot of them are more swayed or give more credence to the national perspective than most folks that live in communities throughout

Oregon. In general, locally, people get it. They've not received feedback that associates the policing that they do on a daily basis is associated with what folks see on national news.

Mr. Burdge asked if it is not an issue, then. The Chief stated that he wouldn't say it is completely not an issue, he just thinks it's not something that causes him concern. That is not to say that they can't do better. He said that they go out of their way to do so many things and have so many opportunities to interact with people to help them understand the way they police. They do, very intentionally, focus on relationships in the community. He thinks that when there are relationships there, there is better understanding, trust and perception. The fact of the matter is that a lot of things that you see happening across the country, don't happen on this side of the country as much. Again, as you drill down, smaller community policing in Oregon, specifically, is far better policing than you're going to see in larger cities across the country. He stated that of course, that was his personal opinion. That is what he believes.

Mr. Burdge said that to tie in with what he mentioned before as a potential opportunity for the Board to help with that communication in getting that out to the public. There are a lot of ways that they can help, as community members. Food for thought.

Ms. Thornton feels that the onus lies on them as community members to get to know the police so that they have that good rapport. She stated that they want the kids to feel comfortable coming up to the Chief. Feels that they also have the onus as Board members to facilitate that communication. She stated that Facebook is an example of how things can go from good to bad and explained how the community can make it stay positive. The more both sides are working on it together, the better it will be. We are a community of 20,000, not a large city like Chicago and feels that helps a lot with the community perspective of the Police Department. She added that this was her opinion.

Vice Chair Foster added that in the theme of community policing, she recently saw SRO, "Officer Kelley" at an elementary school carnival while she was with her children. She stated that her kids recognized him and were happy to see him. She liked that he has such a good rapport with the community kids. He was not in uniform as he was there as "Dad". She thought it was cool that even with her middle schoolers, he has made a presence, especially since his main assignment is at the high school. The Chief commented that was very demonstrative of a successful police program and mentioned the benefit of recognizing the SRO whether in or out of uniform. It helps children look at an Officer as a human being and not just an Officer. One of the basic goals of that program is to destigmatize the uniform and to present that Officer as a human being that is there to help them. He feels it is a huge success with meeting that goal and that they are making an impact. When they get to the point where they have more SRO's, that will certainly only improve and relationships will only be stronger. In the recent presentation Officer Kelley gave to the City Council, it was stated that the vast majority of his time is spent at the high school. He spends time at the feeder schools as much as time allows. The Chief thanked Vice Chair Foster for sharing. Vice Chair Foster explained that her children first met Officer Kelley while they were

out on recess and that he showed up to pass out stickers. He also taught a drug prevention segment in their Health Class at the middle school.

Ms. Zwingli stated that she learned a lot more about what Officer Kelley does, that she had no idea he did, from attending the presentation at the City Council meeting. She would love to have him present at a Police Advisory Board meeting. The Chief said he would add to the June agenda.

Mr. Miller asked how many Officers are residents of Sherwood. The Chief guessed approximately 20%. He felt that was a pretty good number and added that it is not common for Officers to live in the communities where they work. Many Officers from other jurisdictions live in this town. Mr. Miller said he would love it if more of the Officers lived in the community. That would provide more opportunities for children to see Officers in plain clothes. The Chief stated that Sherwood is an expensive place to live and that is a hurdle. There aren't really a lot of starter homes. Ms. Thornton mentioned that she is on a Comprehensive Planning Committee and that they are talking about that.

5. Business

a. Welcome New Board Member, Ralph Lohman

Vice Chair Foster welcomed new Board member, Mr. Lohman, and asked him to share a little bit about himself and also what intrigued him to join the Board. He started off by thanking the Chief for a great interview, great questions and stated that it was his privilege to be there. He is a retired Pastor and Trauma Chaplain from Emanuel Hospital. He also has 10 years of law enforcement, as a younger man, under his belt. He has been married for 37 years. He has two grown boys, a grown step daughter, and an almost 10 year old grandson that he absolutely adores. He has been in Sherwood for 14 years and loves it. He was there because of a notice stating an opening on the Police Advisory Board that he read about in the Sherwood Gazette and after discussing it with his wife thought it would be something he would enjoy. He is the President of the Tigard Kiwanis Club, serves on the Board of the Kiwanis Doernbecher's Childrens Cancer Program and is part of their Speakers Bureau. He is involved with his church and is staying active. He said he didn't know how he had time to do all this when he was working. Stated that he was glad to be there and wants to give back a bit. When he was growing up, it was common for parents to say you go to a Police Officer when in trouble. You don't go away from them.

Vice Chair Foster thanked him for joining them and that they were excited to have him.

6. Councilor News

N/A

7. Staff Report(s)

The Chief asked the group to refer to the backside of their agendas to see goals that had been established from the Boards and Commissions dinner. He had consolidated the notes from the prior month's stated priorities. He said there were some definite themes and grouped them by number of times they were mentioned and by whom. He also added the goals that had been established for 2018.

He shared that a City staff member is scheduled to attend the June Police Advisory Board Meeting to get the Board's thoughts on how public safety fits into the comprehensive plan. He explained that the comprehensive plan will be a road map and includes a lot of community visioning process. In times past, the Board has talked about this type of thing and used terms such as public policy, community policing and talked about what types of level of service and staffing. That is the type of information he feels they will be looking for and what they might be looking to include in part of that comprehensive plan.

Ms. Thornton explained that what the committee is looking at is, "what do we want Sherwood to look like in 2040?" She shared that there are 15-16 different goals. Not all of them, but a lot of them are more focused on land use planning and gave examples of some of the things they are considering for the future. They are looking for feedback from the community, community groups, etc. There will be on-line surveys, kid involvement, they will be contacting different groups such as churches, scouts, etc.

The Chief said that the challenge for this Board is to approach with that in mind. How do we prepare and what that growth looks like while maintaining a desirable level of service and police staffing, what does that look like and how does that keep pace with however that growth happens.

Ms. Thornton said that she would be happy to e-mail out the information that they have so far so that everyone can see the mission and goals, if they'd like.

The Chief said that there are many folks out there who are not thinking about this. That is the unfortunate reality of a safe community. When you have a safe community, you are probably not going to have a lot of people thinking into the future. Not going to have a strong awareness of how many Officers are we going to need to add and when. What other services are we going to need, etc. That will be the challenge for the Board. That is the role of the Board – to provide that feedback. What can happen is that there is a segment of the community that just doesn't think of that. He has talked to enough people to know that has already happened. People don't like to see a lot of retail coming to town, but the fact of the matter is, that type of development is a healthy mix of development, which is what planning is all about. It is what provides a healthy tax base. Nobody wants to be in a position 10-20 years from now and think, "I remember when Sherwood was really safe. You could leave your door unlocked. You could leave your garage door open. But you sure can't do that

anymore". We need to make sure we are giving thought to that as the community continues to grow. We need to think of all things. Nobody wants the parks to be neglected, etc. Nobody wants high crime. Nobody wants to lose that quaint, safe feeling that we have and enjoy. There are probably some that would disagree, but Sherwood is not the way it is by accident. It has happened because the community has invested, over the years, in policing. That has to continue if it is going to stay. The potential build out of Sherwood, could be pushing 35,000. To have a community that size and to remain the town it is takes a lot of planning and a lot of thought.

Mr. Burdge asked if the person from the 2040 – Comprehensive Plan Committee who will be presenting at the next Police Advisory Board meeting, will ask questions and expect them to answer on the spot. The Chief said there will probably be a lot of explaining about the process and probably request for some general information. He wouldn't expect that the Board members would be put in a position where they would ask very detailed questions. They will be asking some questions, but not high level. He said that it is probably understood that the newer Board members wouldn't have as much of the Board background. Some of the Board members that have belonged a little longer can share what they've learned from community members over the years.

Vice Chair Foster explained that in the past, when the Board worked on different projects, they would reach out to community members themselves. They would talk to neighbors, friends, people they would interact with and ask them what some of their concerns were. They have done that more from a current standpoint, asking what their concerns are right now. Suggested that maybe from then until the next meeting, Board members could speak to some of those people they're around and get some of their forward thinking and could give some of that feedback to the committee next month.

Ms. Thornton said at the next meeting, she could suggest to the 2040 committee that they add a police piece. What do they think in the terms of safety and the police involvement in our community? They could put that as part of their surveying questions when they're out and about over the summer.

Mr. Burdge stated that he liked that idea and asked if there is any way to get some of the questions ahead of time that the person is going to ask at the next meeting. That way they can ask community members for their input and feedback between now and then. The Chief will get that information and send on to the Board. Ms. Thornton asked to be looped in to that e-mail.

Vice Chair Foster asked for a hiring update from the Chief. The Chief shared that they are in the final process of hiring two Officers and that they are moving right along. Captain Carlson is working on this. The Chief explained that they are back-fill positions. Not new positions.

8. **Citizen Comment** – Nancy Ellingson, in addition to volunteering at the Police Department, she volunteers at Snyder Park, picking up trash, etc. She has noticed lately, a fair amount of vandalism and wondered if it ever gets reported. She said that she takes photos and sends on to the Public Works Director. She stated that a soccer bench was completely torn apart, signs and flags were broken in half, etc. The park is not visible from the street, so vandals have more freedom to do what they want without being seen. She asked the Police Advisory Board members to just be aware of this. Vandals have also started garbage cans on fire and then spread the burning debris around. She had learned of vandalism occurring at Stella Olson as well. She doesn't know if the Department is aware of it, but she sure does see a lot of it. That day, she had come across a bunch of bottles that had been thrown in to the parking lot and broken glass was everywhere. There is a certain element that is violating our beautiful, beautiful parks. The Chief stated that he will pass along to Patrol. Vice Chair Foster thanked Nancy for helping to take care of the park.

Ms. Thornton said that there is a possibility that she may not be able to attend the next meeting.


Mr. Burdge shared that his kindergartener daughter has also said nice things about the SRO. Officer Kelley had lunch at her school.

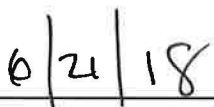
9. **Adjourn (Chair)**

Ms. Zwingli made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Thornton seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:


Chair Chris West


Date

Attest:


Angie Hass, Executive Assistant


Date

Sherwood Police Advisory Board Meeting Date: May 17th, 2018

CITIZEN COMMENT SIGN-UP SHEET

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