



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

11/18/2015

Public Safety Committee

November 18, 2015

Minutes

Committee Members: Councilors Sara Giannoni (SG) (chair); Selene Coburn (SC)

Additional City Staff: Richard Haesler (RH), City Attorney's Office; Chief Brandon del Pozo (BdP), Burlington Police Department; William Ward (WW), Director of Code Enforcement

11:41 a.m. - Call to Order

1. Agenda – Motion by SC. Seconded by SG. Motion passes. Agenda adopted.
1. Minutes—Motion by SC to accept 10/7/15 and 11/5/15 minutes. SG seconds. Motion passes.
1. Public Forum:

No members of the public – no comments

1. Substation on North Street – Discussion

(BdP) Preface by saying that we are considering a substation on Church Street as well – Church Street needs a constant police presence – so for winter in particular, a substation may make sense – North Street for different reasons seems also to have a need for constant police presence – one issue to consider is whether it makes sense to have a community space that serves multiple needs including police presence



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(SC) Public feedback will be necessary – particularly for Church Street where some think too many City resources are already dedicated

(BdP) North Street will need more public feedback in order to communicate what it thinks it needs

(SG) How to best get feedback from the neighborhood – how to get them to articulate how they envision a substation

(BdP) Maybe we should entertain committing our next hire to increased service on North St. We need more Officers – not saying a lot but need more

(SC) Strategies for getting community to buy in to change

(BdP) Note – that we are looking to create more specialized officers – e.g. domestic violence coordinator by January – also looking at Juvenile Offender specialist

(SC) Maybe a City Council presentation in January – update – how is BPD transforming/evolving

(BdP) Note – Wards to be assigned their own Sgt.; Districts to get their own Lt; - check – quiet wards may get a Sgt. who is assigned nights

Final note – want to advocate for needle drop in BPD lobby

(SG) also maybe prescription drug disposal site

1. Needle Disposal Drop Box Update

(WW) Nice transition. Parks had its first training on 11/12 – Code is scheduled for training on 12/12 – Green Mtn Safety is doing the trainings.





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Target – City Hall restrooms are going to be the first disposal sites – roll out after training in coordination with HR for assurance re VOSHA/OSHA requirements

(SC) So glad this is happening – What about DPW

(WW) Need to check with Rob Greene but I do know that they have ongoing Green Mtn Safety trainings – and have kits in all vehicles – and seem to be on target

(SC) Vt Dept of Health – took Education and Outreach – spoke of our recommendation and updated their flyers re civilian info

Looking for website – who should take those steps – this committee? City Council? I will reach out to Beth (IT) and Susan (HR)

1. Other Business:

- Work session after Thanksgiving – Will look for a date.

1. Adjournment:

SC moved to adjourn.

SG seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.