



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

9/16/2015

Public Safety Committee

September 16, 2015

Minutes

Committee Members: Councilors Sara Giannoni (SG) (chair); Selene Coburn (SC); David Hartnett (DH) (Councilor Hartnett arrived at 7:27 p.m.)

Additional City: Richard Haesler (RH); BPD Chief Brandon Del Pozo (BP); BPD Deputy Chief Jan Wright (JW)

7:09 p.m. - Call to Order

No actions to be taken. Public forum/discussion only.

1. Agenda – Motion by SC to move Item # 2 ("Minutes") into Item # 5 ("Other Business"). Seconded by SG. Motion passes. Agenda adopted as amended.

1. Moved into Item # 5.

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1. Public Forum and Committee Discussion (combined):

Public safety discussion from 7:125 to 9:05 p.m. Discussion topics as presented are provided hereto as separately attached Exhibit A.

1. Other Business:



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1. Minutes
2. Minutes of 7/15/15 and Minutes of 8/19/15

DH moves to adopt both as drafted.

SC seconds.

Minutes of 7/15/15 and Minutes of 8/19/15 adopted unanimously.

1. Next meeting: The chair will circulate request for available dates. Meeting TBD. Meeting will feature Southend Public Forum and shall take place in the Public Works Department Conference Room at 645 Pine Street.

1. Adjournment:

SC moved to adjourn.

DH seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Attachment to Minutes of Public Safety Committee Meeting of 9/16/15:

- Public Safety Committee - East District:
- Redo CJC Community survey
 - Gail Shampoio brought results of previous survey done in 2013
- Outreach for downtown? Through Gail Shampoio at UVM
- Importance of training for female (and all) students around safety/dangers- assaults, etc
 - UVM does this
- Need for more collaboration between UVM PD and BPD- especially in Hill Section
- Lighting in Hill Section not great
- Crosswalks need better illumination too
- Bike Safety
 - bicyclists wear dark clothes-hard to see
 - bicyclists not following bike rules/laws
 - city streets need and are starting to be re-engineered to be safer
 - Concerns about debris-garbage stones in bike lane
 - Main/S Prospect bike weight doesn't trigger signal
 - Where to position bike? How are people suppose to know this?
 - Speeding cars- Colchester Ave



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- Police need more training on responding to bicyclists when there is an accident
 - perception of leading questions
 - bicyclists are often blamed
- Speeding- in NNE some neighbors have been trained to use radar gun and stand out on N ave taking speeds. Data goes to BPD & this sends a message that neighbors care about speed and are taking notice
- Skateboard safety
- Pedestrian Crossing
- Walk by vandalism-Trespassing
- Overgrown brush-easy to hide behind
- Break ins due to Heroin addiction
- How many BPD officers are on at any one time?
 - BPD said that the worse case scenario is 6 or 7 at any one time, but usually there are more
- Pedestrian Crossing across Colchester near Centennial Field unsafe
- Dark spots on Colchester Ave
- Speeding on Colchester Ave
- Grove St
 - No regular police patrol
 - Speeding concerns- there is a good spot near Shamanska Park to hide a cop car
 - Running stop sign at Chase and Grove
- confluence of Colchester, Riverside, etc- Re-engineering on hold?
- Wards 1/8/2- People not locking doors/windows
 - Education to residents on locking- Gail code?- maybe do a fun 30 second video
 - Code requires locks on doors and downstairs windows
 - I think UVM said that do education around this?
- Drug Problems on campus
- Should UVM police respond to neighborhood college parties - concern that there are too few officers to break up large disruptive parties
 - BPD works w/ UVM to do education
 - They do pro-active noise patrol jointly
 - UVM PD comes down for bar closing in the summer
 - unless there is an "out of the ordinary" cal UVM police don't respond to neighborhood complaints
- Rating landlords - brought up to UVM trustees in the past and nothing was done due to unsafe housing for students
 - There may be a way to rate based on # of years with a certificate of occupancy
- Thought that UVM PD is "not pulling their weight"
 - staffing issues- 5 vacancies
 - very busy- active on Main St
 - takes a long time to recruit, hire, train
- Narcan Opiate antidote- does BPD Carry?
 - Currently BPD is in labor negotiations hopes that this will be negotiated in to police duties
 - UVM PD is also open to the idea
 - There is a large community pilot through Safe Recovery for Safe Recovery clients to get Narcan
 - Very easy to administer - no way to mis-administer
 - Safe to use
- Sale/Buyers of alcohol for minors to underage people
 - BPD works closely w/ Pearl St Beverage- they are very helpful



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- Encourage students to call if their party gets out of hand
 - Students have called - BPD not going to target a student who calls- wants to work with them
 - Importance of underage events
 - They used to have these in downtown but there was little enforcement of bands
 - They tried to change the hours and ended up not offering underage events
 - Also need these events for teens who are drinking
 - Campus works hard to facilitate on campus events
 - Need to continue to find alternatives
 - City should concentrate police to hill section noise during certain times especially (Thur, Fri, Sat nights)
 - A lot of work being done to prevent and respond
 - 6 officers dedicated during these times to this area
 - Heat maps showing concern areas and times of year
 - Improving year to year- still big problems
 - Strengthen partnership between UVM PD and BPD
 - Importance of knowing neighbors
 - Calls for service - Heat map
 - Chief interested in working closely w/ UVM to connect discipline issues with diploma
 - "Would require a new position" hard to fund
 - BPD plans to work to increase officer neighbor relationships
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- Student noise
 - Prevention effort: UVM contacts parents before noisy party times (Halloween, etc)
 - Thought that neighborhood is neglected by city - same problems no change-
 - Want more owners fewer renters
 - Intelligent Street lighting-
 - Energy efficient
 - College has particularly dark spots
 - dark on bike path that leads to Quarry Hill Housing
 - Burglary/Robbery - Physical injury
 - bikes on sidewalks
 - Vehicles ignoring stop sign/traffic lights
 - wanting officers on bikes- Chief supports
 - Bottle collectors coming on private property
 - Sexual assaults
 - New student group- Students Against Sexual Assault
 - UVM admin more outreach to the off campus community
 - more partnership w/ UVM and city
 - Bias & racial harassment in community
 - Winter time is a big time for burglaries
 - need outreach/prevention at this time
 - East Ave ped crossing dangerous- near where the path comes down from UVM Med Ctr- cars don't stop
 - Round-a-bouts on either/both end(s) of East Ave
 - Party Drugs- ecstasy, etc
 - Prescription Drugs





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