

**City of Troutdale
Public Safety Advisory Committee
February 28th, 2008 7:00 pm**

ATTENDING: Laurie Aronstein, Jon Brown, Jerry Stitzel, Jorgan Shaw and Chief David Nelson.

ABSENT: Joe Carlson, Mike Goss

- I. Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order at 7:10.
- II. Minutes of January 17th, 2008** – Laurie moved to approve the minutes of January 17th, 2008 and Jorgan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- III. Chair Comments** – There were no comments.
- IV. Public Comment** – There were no comments.
- V. Financial and use report regarding Helping Hands** – The Chief reported that recent donations by employees raised the balance of the fund to approximately \$1200.
- VI. Committee Member Updates on Goals for 2008** – The group reviewed the status of individual goal assignments. Review of the goals will continue as standing agenda items.

1. Exchange goals with each committee chair and then report back to the PSAC	Mike Goss	Pending
2. Review survey and prepare possible public safety programs based on the results	Jerry Stitzel	Pending
3. Promote Neighborhood Watch with the goal of add 3 additional in the next year (including Troutdale Terrace)	Jon Brown & Jorgan Shaw	Held 1 meeting
4. Communicate the need for a new police station through the committee and reach _____ number of people	Joe Carlson	Pending
5. Produce a National Night Out event for the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Talk to City Council or Multnomah County to see about permits for closing roadway ▪ Location would be downtown Troutdale ▪ Get donated food (hot dogs, chips drinks, condiments) Do we need a food permit? ▪ Entertainment – music? Ron Melen and the Saturated Fats? ▪ Decorations or Tents ▪ Volunteers – students? Local businesses? Troutdale Terrace residents? 	Laurie Aronstein & Chief Nelson Jon suggested Wal-Mart or Lowe’s as possible money donations. Jorgan has helium tank & balloons, resources to musicians & Other family resources to set up booths, etc.	
6. Participate in the 2008 Christmas Toy Drive	Jorgan Shaw & Jon Brown	Pending
7. Recruit people to fill PSAC vacancies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kim Lucas, RHS administration employee was suggested and an “at large” position is open too. 	All Committee members	
8. Award Ceremony – Ceremony has been moved to June	Mike Goss	Pending

VII. Fire Service Issues / Concerns – The Chief reported that the City Council decided not to support the burn ban recommendations made by Gresham Fire Department and the PSAC. Troutdale

is the only city of the 4 East County cities that did not pass the burn ban recommendations.

VIII. Police Issues / Concerns - The online survey results are pending. The Chief reported that the phone survey requested by the City Council indicated the following:

- Those surveyed do not support both Police and City Hall Facilities capital bonds.
- To the question, “Do you support construction of a new police department” using the \$4 million dollars, 31 cents per assessed value figure, 47% were in support. Studies indicate you would want to get a 50% or greater support number to carry forward to the ballot.
- In specific questions around the poll that explained reasons for the new facility, approval ratings then went up to 61-65%.
- This indicated that “targeted messages” would be important. Some targeted message specifics came out of the poll and could be used.

A new officer, Daren Taber starts with the department on March 10th to fill the position created when Mike Kellogg took the 2nd SRO position at Reynolds High School. The Reynolds School District funds 9 months of this position.

The department will be hiring a new officer to replace an officer who goes to Tri-Met’s Transit Police Services Division. The transit position is funded 100% by Tri-Met, with an additional 10% to accommodate administrative costs. Matt Jordan has been selected for that position and we anticipate him on board by the end of March, early April.

Officer Nick Thompson serves in the National Guard and it appears he will be activated between March and June of 2009. The long term plan is to qualify recruits that came out of the process described above in order to hire, certify and train this individual by the time Nick leaves. Nick will be gone for 12-18 months and when he returns, we anticipate retirements will have occurred to

Reserve Officer recruitments are still difficult and retention is a challenge as well. Although we have 4 reserve officers now, one is currently in the background phase for Portland Police bureau. A Cadet program is being considered to accommodate some of the needs formerly met by Reserve Officers but that academy is not scheduled until next February.

Jack Hanna, City Code Enforcement officer is now an employee of the Police department instead of the Community Development department, due to reorganization.

IX. Emergency Management Issues / Concerns

The four East County cities want to conduct more regular Emergency response “table top” exercises. An active shooter simulation is planned during an in-service day in May at Reynolds High School. Elected officials along with Reynolds School District staff will be invited to observe the event.

X. Closing Comments - Jerry asked about abduction reports that have come forward in the last year. The Chief explained guidelines the department uses to take these reports and evaluate, investigate and proceed on the cases generally.

Jorgan moved to adjourn the meeting and Jerry seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday March 20th 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Prepared by Melody Thompson on March 10th, 2008 and approved by the PSAC March 20th, 2008.