

Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Minutes
May 3, 2018 – South Conference Room
21630 11th Ave S.
Des Moines, WA 98198

Present: Chief George Delgado, City Manager Michael Matthias, Chief Operations Officer Dan Brewer, Public Works Director Brandon Carver, Council Member Matt Mahoney, Deputy Mayor / Chair Vic Pennington, Council Member / Vice Chair Luisa Bangs,

Guest Present: Resident Al Tanner

Scribe: Office Manager Terryann Dell

At 1800 hours, not all committee members were present. Staff waited to see if they would have a quorum to begin the meeting. At 1831 hours staff began discussion.

Pacific Ridge Strategic Plan Update – Presented by Chief Delgado

A homeless encampment was created in Midway Park. When officers showed up to walk through, the person hastily removed everything and left. There were a few spots of debris left behind. The area through the trees was cleaned up and a lot of needles were found.

Seeing a lot of homeless activity along I-5. Washington State Patrol also reports an uptick in homeless activity in the rest stops at night along the I-5 corridor.

Community Services Officer Seaberry was asked to compile crime statistics. Domestic Violence is the leading call for service in the Pacific Ridge area.

Reach Out Des Moines has been working with us and the area youth to help with truancy and delinquency. They are looking to possibly put a Community Center on 24th Avenue in the coming years.

1835 hours Chair Vic Pennington joined the meeting.

1835 Meeting was called to order.

Of the crime stats compiled by CSO Seaberry, theft is on top of the list, but it is occurring all over the city, not just in the Pacific Ridge area.

Robbery / Assaults were on the lower end and there have been no drug possession cases in Pacific Ridge lately.

CSO Seaberry continues to address issues from an outreach and trust building perspective.

She recently drafted a letter, with the assistance of the city attorney, which went out to all the property owners. In particular, to the ones needing to obtain business licenses and having issues with solid waste containers, maintenance and junk vehicles. In the letter was information regarding Quality of Life issues, how to obtain a business license, and the department's Trespass Admonishment program. She has been working with the property owners to make sure we don't have problem tenants moving in and hopefully it will cut down on the amount of turnover in tenants in the four-plexes. She has been working with the owners and bringing in different agencies / companies such as PSE who can work with them on different issues.

Between working on code enforcement issues and working with the property owners, she's building trust to make the Pacific Ridge area a good place to live. She has been working to bring together all the partners needed for neighborhood livability. Recognizing and answering needs and addressing crime prevention and code enforcement issues. Working to not come in as an "army" but to build trust and have no tolerance for crime. Chief mentioned obtaining tactical cameras for the area which will help view "hot calls" remotely for safety. Need to make sure we have the proper lighting and plenty of information will go out to the residents.

Vice-Chair Bangs joined the meeting at 1845 hours.

Chief Delgado spoke with a couple of social service people regarding cameras going in and they didn't have any issues with them as long as there is a sunset clause. Kent and Federal Way are very busy right now and their cameras allow them to be pro-active and use evidence based approach to stay on top of issues.

Vice-Chair Bangs asked about our relationships with the owners. Chief Delgado replied our relationship with them is excellent. CSO Seaberry is doing a great job working with the owners, social service agencies and Reach Out Des Moines. Reach Out Des Moines works with the students at the schools and have been also working with them at their homes.

Vice-Chair Bangs had recently seen a documentary on MS13 gangs. Wanted to know if we had issues with MS13 gangs. Chief mentioned two rival gangs that are local and we have identified persons who had been doing the tagging.

Meeting adjourned at 1858 hours.