

Marion County Sheriff's Office

Community Advisory Committee Meeting

February 21, 2017 Agenda

MEETING LOCATION: Marion County Jail, 4000 Aumsville Hwy SE, Salem

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Committee Business:
 - a. Review of Minutes (11/15/16)
3. Roundtable Community Issues
4. Sheriff's Office Update

2017 Meeting Dates and Locations:

2/21 - hosted by Jail
5/9 – hosted by
9/19 - hosted by
11/21 - hosted by

November 15, 2016 - Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Members Present: ~~Cari Fiske~~, Greg Leo, Oscar Quijano, Glen Rader, ~~Larry Parrish~~, Gary Rychard, ~~Terry Witter~~, Herb Colomb, Mark Messmer, Doug Van de Griend, ~~Jose Gonzalez~~, Levi Herrera, ~~Shirley DeShon~~, ~~Kevin Fredinburg~~, Debrea Howard, Sandra Hernandez

Sheriff's Office Present: Sheriff Jason Myers, Undersheriff Troy Clausen, Lt. Chris Baldrige, Sara Zavala

Guests:

~~Michelle Vlach Ing (ESSNA member)~~

1) Welcome & Introductions

2) Committee Business

- a) Gary motioned to approve the 9/20/16 meeting minutes; Greg second. All aye. Approved.

3) Building Project –

- Sheriff Myers said several years ago, the county began making investments in infrastructure. Starting with the Health Department, they began renovations.
- The Juvenile Admin building (from the 1950s) and Parole & Probation building were considered.
- The Central District Office where patrol deputies are based out of is in need of repair.
- A 10-year low interest loan taken for these project.
- A proposal was drafted for a combined Sheriff's Parole & Probation and CDO office building. SO has been working to finalize a design and a construction company has been developed.
- Sheriff and Undersheriff presented the most current draft plans for a new combined Parole & Probation and CDO building.
- A minimalist approach was taken; budget is fixed.
- Some community fundraising may occur with the development of a memorial plaza.
- Outlying offices will remain in Woodburn, Keizer, Stayton. Gary commented that a pitched roof is the best way to go. He also asked if SO considered moving administration to the new building. Admin will remain in Courthouse downtown.
- Gary added to explore the possibility of grants for solar power projects.
- Greg asked about dispatch; he has concerns about the location of dispatch.
- Oscar asked about parking; Undersheriff said part of the parking will be gravel because of cost. It could be paved in the future.
- Herb asked if there was a major earthquake where K9s would be based out of.
- Greg asked about Heliport. Might be good to have space at least identified.
- Jail campus drive will be repaved.
- Levi appreciated the close eye on the cost of the facility.
- A shared space with Salem PD was discussed but it isn't' feasible.
- Oscar asked about groundbreaking and completion. Sheriff said a contractor has

estimated a Jan-April start date. It is weather dependent.

- Sheriff said our county business manager has overseen the construction of many buildings, so she is a great asset for us now.
- Gary suggested a long term goal of getting Administration offices out of downtown.

4) Sheriff's Office Updates -

- **Body Cam Grant** - Sheriff said we were one of three agencies in Oregon that were selected for the grant. A 99,000 grant was awarded; SO budgeted for server space. There are a lot of details to work through; there are strong policy models to review. Dash cams and helmet cams have been beneficial for community members and our office members. Sheriff emphasized that the body cams don't replace building relationships with our community. Undersheriff added that we are now exploring best policies, and we don't have to rush through this process. Mark asked for an ETA; Undersheriff estimated six to eight months. Sheriff invited CAC participation on Body Cam workgroup. Oscar asked if there are requirements because of the grant award; US Clausen said yes, we will have reporting requirements.
- Gary offered to be part of the workgroup. Any others who are interested should send an email to Sara.
- The Committee viewed the new Office video. Positive feedback
- **Recruitment Update** - Lt. Baldrige gave an office recruitment update. 168 applicants for enforcement division; 9 made it to interviews. Jail focused recruitment of female deputies has gone very well; we have 22 female deputies and our target is to get to at least 25. Background process has been streamlined as much as possible; electronic testing has improved efficiency. Herb asked where recruits are coming from; Lt. Baldrige said most efforts are local, but we do recruit from surrounding counties as well as other states. Cadet Unit is a great program for us too. We currently have three Reserve deputies in the academy. Lt. Baldrige announced a collaboration with Boys to Men (MCKay program) to help service-oriented individuals who need a chance to experience success. There is improved diversity and interest in the Cadet Program and we're growing into new directions to improve. Levi asked for basic deputy requirements to be sent out via social media. Debrea said listening to Lt. Baldrige can reach the young people with the way he talks. She asked what he is doing to reach them. He said he's meeting with an trying to inspire others; through reinforcing the office foundational character traits. Debrea asked Chris to come to her church to talk to the congregation, specifically black young men. US Clausen added that we aren't waiting for individuals to come to us; we're reaching out to them. Debrea will be the in-between to help facilitate that.

5) Committee Member Updates

Gary Rychard - Concerned about screeners at the Courthouse; Mark echoed concern. These individuals are the first face people see coming into the Courthouse. Sheriff asked for the feedback.

Debrea - nothing to report. (Happy birthday!)

Greg Leo - Traffic remains concern in north county area. Recent crash between truck and train. Four point traffic safety agenda - 650 signatures have been collected in support. Ehlen Rd. concern has been discussed many times; need to fix. Wilco is building facilities; Hazelnut growers plant too. **Request: Enforcement near scales on Ehlen Rd.** Commissioners need to realize they can't approve traffic generators without improving roads. Economic development is great, but we must have the infrastructure in place. Info to be provided before Thanksgiving. Greg met with Commissioner Cameron last week. Greg says this issue will be pushed. He will send a copy of the Four principles to the Sheriff. Greg asked for levy status; Sheriff said he's meeting with commissioners next week before requesting to put on ballot. He will keep the CAC involved. Glen reiterated the group's support.

Levi - Levi said this is his last meeting. He didn't want to stop participation without bringing someone in, which is why he brought Sandra this evening. Mano a Mano is getting a lot of contacts from community members who are fearful of the future since the presidential election. He said he doesn't want the Sheriff's Office to take any steps back from the community engagement. He doesn't want individuals to not report crimes out of fear of law enforcement. Sheriff offered our office attend any community meeting. Sheriff also presented Levi with a challenge coin for his service on this Committee.

Doug - Santana Park received two days of work crews; it was outstanding work. He asked for what else crews could do. Sheriff said we are restricted on projects, but please send him (or Sara) any suggestions for consideration.

Mark - Detroit has been quiet, but some "frequent flyers" showed up again and some petty crimes have been reported. Community is keeping an eye out.

Oscar - Oscar thanked Levi for his comments.

Herb - Nothing new.

Glen - Nextdoor.com is still growing. Some houses that had been bank-owned are being purchased and cleaned up. Lt. Baldrige reminded everyone that police can't see nextdoor.com neighborhoods. Estimated 15,000 on the site.

No further business.

Adjourned at 8:23.