

Law Enforcement Advisory Board Meeting Aug 10, 2022

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X Paul Soptick
zoom Scott Mackey
X Reed Partridge
Irene Caudillo
Dan Soptic
x Lynn Melton
Casey Meyer
Kent Anderson
X Kimberly Weaver
LaRon Thompson
Abbie Dillard
X Karl Oakman
x Kendall McReynolds
Raymond Nunez
Gayle Townsend
Nancy Chartrand
X David Patton
X J'Hiesa (Nikki) Richardson
ZOOM Michael Armstrong
X Rick Behrens
X Duane Beth
George Simms
Curtis Nicholson
ZOOM William Barajas
Brent Hardin
X Tonda Hill
Brittnie Pruitt
X Emmett Lockridge

Rick Behrens opened the meeting at 4:00pm .

Rick Behrens asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of July 13, 2022.

Kendall McReynolds gave an update on the outreach team. Questions came up in the last outreach team meeting were: can we come up with a flyer to ID the LEAB.;

He talked about the meet n greet t Pierson Park and the conversations with people about the information shared in those conversations. A conversation was had on what to name the LEAB outreach group.

There was a motion to produce a handout explaining what the LEAB does. Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion about a logo for the LEAB. It was decided to have all members of the LEAB draft a logo and have a vote on the best at the next meeting.

It was also suggested we approach the city in the next budget cycle and get a line item within the UG budget, even if it was only \$500.

Chief Oakman said that the PD has some events in their community outreach series the last one on Sept 17th in Piper.

He said that we kicked off the series with the peace march in the north east and will continue next year with 6 events. He talked about the importance of the one on one conversations with the community. He said in his 30+ years there are three things that are the most important to the community; graffiti, trash and speeders.

We talked about Sept 3rd and the CABA parade. We can have a table at the event in Bethany Park (later found out it cost to have a booth at the park, and without a budget we would not set up this year)

Chief Oakman talked about his personnel and said the current allocation for the dept was 369. Currently we are operating at 333. The more people we have on the street the more visible we are. As the number of officers goes up, crime goes down. Chief created a weekly homicide summary that compares data for the last 4 years. He said he would send to the LEAB members.

Chief Oakman said they issued smart phones to all the district cars so they would have that avenue to stay in contact with residents rather than the complicated system of having to call dispatch for them to contact the officer to contact the resident. The smart phones will have the technology to receive information from the real time crime center

Emmitt Lockridge, Undersheriff for Sheriff Soptic.

The Sheriff's dept is starting a class Sept 22, with 6 people, 3 white males, 1 black male and 2 black females. They also have 4 applications in process, 1 Asian female, one black male and 1 white male and 1 white female. Their hiring process which fast tracks applicants is still in progress. They are still 40 personnel short.

He commented on the homicide at City Park North where one Hispanic female was shot and killed and one 15 year old Hispanic male was shot and is in critical condition.. It was noted this was the sixth shooting in the vicinity of city park in the last month, and Undersheriff Lockridge said that is the flip side of the manpower shortage.

Reed Partridge gave a summary of the legislative auditor.

MEETING ADJOURNED 5:05