

**Public Safety Education Commission
Germantown Police Department
1930 South Germantown Rd
Tuesday March 2, 2022**

ROLL CALL & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

- Members Present: John Arth (Chair), Lucy Burkhalter, Manit Kaur, Katherine Elsenrath, John Garner, John Paul Miles, Lynn Kugele, Dick Orians, Alderman Scott Sanders, Lt. Josh Schultz (GPD), Gino Dell-oso (GFD)

CALL TO ORDER:

- Noting that a quorum was present the meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Chair John Arth

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- February 1, 2022 minutes were approved with a motion by John Garner, 2nd by Lucy Burkhalter

POLICE REPORT:

- Lt. Josh Schultz, Reference PSEC Police Report February 2022 emailed to all commissioners on March 1, 2022. Lt. Schultz noted an increase in shoplifting and that GPD was working with other agencies on new leads to help solve cases. Alderman Scott Sanders referenced Lock it or Lose it and how it seemed to help, especially during the holidays. One motor vehicle theft was reported in this time period. Lt. Schultz advised the department was working to stop the forged license plate issue that was happening in the city by increasing arrests.

FIRE REPORT

- Gino Dell-oso, Reference PSEC February 2022 FD Report emailed to all commissioners on March 1, 2022. Gino Dell-oso noted there was an increase in fire alarms the month of February due to the recent winter weather. One motor vehicle fire inside the West Clinic parking garage was noted. Nothing new to report for EMS. Chairman Arth asked if Covid was affecting EMS calls and Gino Dell-oso advised that it didn't seem to be. Lucy Burkhalter asked about hospital wait times and Gino Dell-oso stated 30 minutes to approx 4 or 5 hours. Total calls 430, Fire:159, EMS: 271

BMA REPORT

- Scott Sanders (Alderman), BMA
Alderman Sanders advised debris collection was still ongoing, but the weather had hindered efforts. He stated the city is spending between \$650,000-750,000 in outside contracts. The State of Emergency for Covid has expired, and the weekly EOC calls have been suspended. Alderman Sanders did note that the Friday Covid Task Force calls were ongoing.

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMISSION by John Arth

- Chair John Arth stated the commission had its 1st meeting recently. He advised the biggest takeaway was that he brought the commissioners up to date on the efforts made by public education and communication. The commission suggested that it be made known that Pam Beasley was interested in being a liaison, and wanted to follow up on information that was put out by the PSEC that would coincide with the Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Commission. Chair John Arth advised they also discussed the Germantown Festival in September.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **HOSPITAL APPRECIATION BANNER** Chair John Arth advised that he still has not seen the hospital appreciation banner, but he was going to get his contact at Methodist Germantown to take a picture and send it to him.
- **PSEC SPEAKERS BUREAU LIST REFERENCE** Katherine Elsenrath updated the commission on the Speakers Bureau. It was determined that the commission would ask that the city remove the link to the list of speakers and put Lt. Schultz's contact information on the website as a point of contact. Manjit Kaur stated she would work with Jessica Comas to make the appropriate change.
- **"DON'T DRIVE DROWSY" VIRTUAL PRESENTATION** Manjit Kaur updated the commission on the "Don't Drive Drowsy" virtual presentation that was held February 12, 2022 from 11-12p. She stated they had 83 students attend, 73 were virtual and 10 on call. Each student received 2 community service hours. She advised the commission that it was very successful and the students along with some parents seemed very engaged. Chair John Arth asked if the program should be run twice a year going forward. John Garner suggested a Spring and a Fall semester. Manjit Kaur suggested that a dedicated email be set up through the city for future seminars. Alderman Scott Sanders advised he would meet with Tony Fischer to see if that would be possible and report back at the next meeting. Manjit Kaur will continue efforts to hold future presentations.

- **PSEC COMMUNICATIONS** Katherine Elsenrath updated the commission on her recent meeting with Clint Starnes and Kelli White with GFD concerning how to communicate the commission platform to as many citizens as possible in an efficient way. Germantown GO Magazine is one option. Katherine Elsenrath advised that Clint Starnes is reaching out to the magazine to see how to get a page. Another option suggested is the E-notifications on the city website. Katherine Elsenrath stated there are about 1,700 subscribers. GFD topics would include smoke alarms twice a year, heater safety, fall prevention safety, cooking safety, and swimming safety as their topics. GPD topics include scams, lock it or lose it, distracted driving, gun safety, traffic safety, and internet safety as their topics. Katherine Elsenrath will send out E-notifications emails to the commission. Katherine Elsenrath advised she will continue to work with GFD and GPD to get the information out to the public

NEW BUSINESS

- **DRUG TAKE BACK** Chair John Arth advised the Drug Take Back will be April 30, 2022 from 10a-2p at Kroger. A sign up sheet will be coming out soon with two shifts available, 10-12p and 12-2p. The blue nitrile gloves will be provided.

ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK 2022

- **CHILD SAFETY SEAT INSPECTION** Chair Arth was unsure if it would be done this year. He stated citizens could call GPD and schedule child safety seat inspections.
- **DRUG TAKE BACK SPRING/FALL** Chair Arth advised the commission of this event.
- **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** Chair Arth stated this was an annual event. Katherine Elsenrath stated the date of the event is set for August 2nd.
- **HOLIDAY PARADE** Chair Arth said that there is a PSEC banner in the closet. Manjit Kaur stated the banner is heavy and will need multiple people to carry it.
- **GERMANTOWN FESTIVAL** Chair Arth stated they will need a couple people to pass out flyers. He advised he has offered this to the Bicycle Commission also. The start time is noon on Saturday and it ends at 5pm on Sunday. Three shifts are available and there will be parking. John Garner suggested getting a first aid banner to go on the booth. Chair Arth stated there was less than \$200 in the budget. Gino Dell-oso will talk to the fire department and advise back.
- **PROJECTS** Don't Drive Drowsy Virtual, standardized process for PSEC communications, and PSEC Speakers Bureau list
- **LIST OF ATTENDANCE** Roll call will be utilized for future meetings and kept on file.

- **CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY** Lynn Kugele presented the commission a copy of the Ozark Fire Department's citizen's fire academy flier. Gino Dell-oso advised that there may be some liability in that for the city. Chair Arth asked Gino Dell-oso to check with officials at GFD and report back.
- **CPR CERTIFICATION** Manjit Kaur inquired about the PSEC commission getting their CPR certification. Chair Arth will check with Clint Starnes to see if they could get certified. Gino Dell-oso will get a list of the upcoming dates to the commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **FREE TREE GIVEAWAY** Alderman Sanders advised the committee the city was giving away 900 free trees Friday from 9-11am at Huey's parking lot.

ADJOURNMENT

- Having no further business Chair Arth adjourned the meeting at 6:34pm
- Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday April 6, 2022 at GFD Station 4 training room, 3031 Forest Hill Irene

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Holly Christensen, Recording Secretary

John Arth, Chairman