

## MINUTES

Pullman Police Advisory Committee  
Pullman City Hall – Council Chambers  
September 9, 2013 at 5:30 pm

The regular meeting of the Pullman Police Advisory Committee was held at 5:30pm on Monday, September 9, 2013, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 325 SE Paradise Street, Pullman, Washington, with Committee Chair Arlene Parkay presiding.

### ROLL CALL

Present:	Arlene Parkay	WSU Staff & Faculty Representative (Chair)
	Richard Hume	Pioneer Hill Representative
	Al Sorensen	Business Community Representative
	Kim Barrett	Multicultural Representative
	Dan Hornfelt	Pullman School District Rep. (Vice Chair)
	Rosemary Fleener	Pullman High School Parent Representative
	Marci Gilliland	Pullman High School Parent Alternate
	Wayne Popeski	Pullman At-Large Representative
Absent:	Marcus Crossler	WSU Staff & Faculty Alternate
	Barbara Hammond	College Hill Representative
	KNona Liddell	College Hill Alternate
	Greg Wilson	Pioneer Hill Alternate
	Phyllis Stallcop	Sunnyside Hill Representative
	Justin Stewart	Business Community Alternate
	DaVina Hoyt	Multicultural Alternate
	Kevin Ketcham	ASWSU Representative
	Samantha Kieling	ASWSU Alternate
	Bill Holman	Pullman School District Alternate
	Roger Schaefer	Pullman At-Large Alternate
Staff:	Chief Gary Jenkins	Pullman Police Department
	Elysia Spencer	Pullman Police Department

**CALL TO ORDER** Parkay called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. There was a quorum.

**MINUTES** • No minutes available.

**REGULAR BUSINESS** Chief Jenkins provided the following updates from the police department:  
Police Department  
Update

- 2014 budget: Preparing the 2014 with direction to fill the two police officer vacancies and one records specialist vacancy. First budget preparation meeting with Mayor and City Supervisor will be later this month.
- COPS Hiring Grant: Chief Jenkins advised that the department applied for a Department of Justice C.O.P.S. Hiring grant, which

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

### Police Department Update (continued)

would provide partial funding for a police officer position for two years up to a maximum of \$125,000. No word yet on the results of the application.

- **WSU Presidential Alcohol Task Force:** The task force, which was commissioned by WSU President Floyd, published their final report with their recommendations. As result, a Campus Community Coalition was formed, and Chief Jenkins was asked to be on the coalition. The first meeting was in August, and another meeting is later this month. The goal is to move forward with some of the recommendations and cause some change.
- **Chief Jenkins advised that this month, he has attended multiple meetings with community groups, including the Pullman Chamber of Commerce, WSU Athletics, and WSU student.**
- **First Down Friday:** This Friday, September 13th. This year, the Pullman Chamber decided to only have one First Down Friday event, and another event before a home game later in the season.
- **On August 22nd, Chief Jenkins participated in a table top emergency exercise at Martin Stadium simulating an explosion outside of the stadium. The exercise went well, and plans are in place for emergency situations.**
- **Lentil Festival Review:** Chief Jenkins attended a wrap-up meeting on September 3<sup>rd</sup> with the Chamber. The general consensus was the new location worked well. Some glitches were identified to be improved for next year.
- **David Warner Assault Case:** There is no update or change in the status of the case. It is still at the Prosecutor's Office for review and charging decisions.
- **The Grove Apartment Fire:** There is no update or change in the status of this case. The preliminary court date was continued to a later time. The case is being handled at the federal court in Spokane.
- **Jefferson Elementary School Bomb Threat:** On August 29th, Pullman responded to a bomb threat at Jefferson Elementary. The case is still under investigation. The threat was left on the school's voicemail system in the evening and was discovered by staff that morning. Officers responded and the building was evacuated of staff and the few students who had already arrived. The building was searched. No threat was found. Jenkins advised that he had attended a debriefing at the school district today, and that overall, everything went well. School District representative Dan Hornfelt elaborated, commending the police department response, professionalism, dispatching critical points, etc. Discussion about some of the issues that the situation revealed, such as lack of communication about the event to high school students, which is where school buses were re-routed, as well as providing access to counselors. Overall, the impact of past drills resulted in the event being handled really well.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

Police Department  
Update (continued)

A member asked a question about a recent letter to the editor that appeared in The Daily Evergreen regarding the Warner case that mentioned enhanced video of the assault. Chief Jenkins advised that he has heard the rumor too, but at this point no one has provided this video to the police or the prosecutor's office.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

Lentil Festival Recap

Members discussed the Committee's involvement in this year's Lentil Festival. Items discussed included:

- The location was good and good traffic through the tent
- The "beer goggles" weren't missed
- The kids enjoyed trying on the SWAT gear
- Having an officer assigned to the tent for the entire event made a huge difference
- A lot of interest in the video presentations on Adams Mall and body-worn cameras
- The pizza giveaway for submitting comments worked great and generated a lot of buzz.
- Ten comments were well received. Chief Jenkins responded to one question and passed other questions on to appropriate city departments (engineering, public works, etc.)
- A member mentioned that college students asked a lot of questions about safe reporting and not getting in trouble.

Members thanked Justin Stewart for donating the pizzas for the pizza giveaway, and Officer Shane Emerson for his assistance throughout the event.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

Joint Meeting with WSU  
Police Advisory Board

Members discussed the upcoming joint meeting with the WSU Police Advisory Board to occur in October. Location to be determined, but possibly will be held in the large upstairs conference room. Possible agenda items were discussed, including:

- The 20mph speed limit on NE Stadium Way is disliked. Looking for more information as to why the change was necessary and who made the decision. Chief Jenkins advised that area is in WSU jurisdiction and was their decision.
- Discussion of plan to close Stadium Way to vehicle traffic. It is part of the long-range plan and visioning concept of how they want the university to look. Committee to look into having Bobbi Ryder of WSU make a presentation to the committees regarding the long-range plan.
- Lentil Festival cooperation

Additional suggestions for agenda topics can be sent into Elysia or Arlene at any time.

## CONSTITUENCIES POLL

- WSU Staff and Faculty: Nothing to report
- College Hill: No representative
- Military Hill: Vacant
- Pioneer Hill: Mentioned problems at with the Lentil Festival at Reaney Park and a baseball tournament at the City Playfields on the same weekend led to a lot of litter at the playfields. It took an entire week to clean. Need more garbage cans and quicker cleanup. Chief Jenkins advised that he would forward the feedback to the Parks & Recreation Department.
- Sunnyside Hill: No representative
- Business Community: Nothing to report
- Multicultural Community: Received comments regarding large, 100+ people parties on College Hill. Wondering if this is a new trend and what is being done to stop it. Chief Jenkins advised that he has also heard from College Hill residents, some of whom have stated that the parties this year are the worst they have seen. He advised that with the relationships formed with the College Hill Officer and other officers, we encourage students to contact us to help them if things get out of hand at a party. However, if the problem is just noise or general disturbance, the police cannot enforce those ordinances unless a citizen complains; a police officer cannot be the victim of a noise complaint. A member asked if anyone knew the reasons behind the increase in these large parties. One suggestion was that there are larger numbers of freshman enrollments. Jenkins advised that in regards to alcohol use, the hospital is not seeing an increase in the number of alcohol cases, but they are seeing an increase in the severity (higher blood-alcohol content).

A member referenced the Op-Ed piece about a bike ride to Boyer Park, and all the litter left by partying students. Chief Jenkins discussed the WSU Alcohol Task Force recommendations and the Campus Community Coalition conversations about the how the university had changed their response to student problems and alcohol infractions over the past few years. As a result of the Task Force recommendation, some radical changes are being made this year to hold students more responsible. The biggest change is that on the first substance (drug or alcohol) offense, the student is referred into the student conduct system and the university will contact the parents of students under the age of 21. They will also be imposing more sanctions earlier on in the process. By these steps, the university is showing that they are taking these issues very seriously, and are applying a multi-faceted approach to confronting these issues with methods supported by solid research and results.

**CONSTITUENCIES  
POLL (continued)**

A member advised of questions and concerns from WSU alumni who were wondering why there was a need for the Alcohol Task Force and what it was doing. Members discussed the alcohol culture associated with WSU and how it could change.

A member also discussed the fact that loud parties and noise from College Hill is clearly audible on Military Hill.

- ASWSU: No representative
- Pullman School District: Already discussed.
- Pullman High School Parent: Nothing to report.
- Pullman High School Student: Vacant
- Lincoln Middle School Parent: Vacant
- At-Large: Three issues raised:
  - Parking problem on NE Illinois. When you turn left off of NE Monroe, there are always vehicles parked on the right hand side, which is posted “no parking” zone. This makes it impossible for anyone to get down to the houses at the bottom of the street.
  - Asked whether the recent rash of crimes (rash of burglaries, stabbing, a weapons offense) involved WSU students or whether they are people from other areas. Chief Jenkins advised that many crimes of the higher-profile cases, including the recent stabbing and weapons offense case, typically involve people not affiliated with the university who come here from other areas.
  - Advised the Committee that WSU Student Media held an alcohol awareness forum last spring. They plan to hold another awareness forum this spring, probably on sexual assault to raise awareness. Date to be determined.

**MEMBER AND  
ALTERNATE  
SEARCH RESULTS**

Current vacancies on the Committee are:

- Military Hill Representative & Alternate
- Sunnyside Hill Alternate
- Pullman High School Student Representative & Alternate
- Lincoln Middle School Parent Representative & Alternate

Discussion to possibly move a few current Committee members to fill some vacancies. A couple of applications for new members have been received and are being processed. Members discussed how to advertise for Pullman High School student representatives. Discussion of the long-vacant Lincoln Middle School Parent position. Committee determined that there is a need for that position and that voice to be heard when the need arises.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments

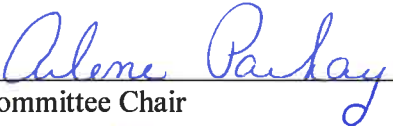
**NEXT MEETING**

Joint Meeting with WSU Police Advisory Board & the Pullman  
Police Advisory Committee.  
Monday, October 14, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.  
**Location to be determined.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Parkay entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion for  
adjournment was seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.  
The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Committee Chair

2-10-14  
Date

  
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Committee Secretary

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Date