

MINUTES

Special Joint Meeting of the Pullman Police Advisory Committee and
Washington State University Police Advisory Board
Pullman City Hall – Council Chambers
April 11, 2011 at 5:30 pm

The special joint meeting of the Pullman Police Advisory Committee and the WSU Police Advisory Board was held at 5:30pm on Monday, April 11th, 2011, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 325 SE Paradise Street, Pullman Washington, with Committee Chair Arlene Parkay and Board Co-Chairs Zach Hays and Rich Villa presiding

ROLL CALL

Pullman Police Advisory Committee

Present:	Arlene Parkay	WSU Staff & Faculty Representative (Chair)
	Zach Hays	Military Hill Representative
	Richard Hume	Pioneer Hill Representative
	Al Sorensen	Business Community Alternate
	Kim Barrett	Multicultural Representative
	Dan Hornfelt	Pullman School District Representative
	Bill Hawbaker	Pullman High School Parent Representative
	Rosemary Fleener	Pullman High School Parent Alternate
	Daniel Hawbaker	Pullman High School Representative
Absent:	Marcus Crossler	WSU Staff & Faculty Representative Alternate
	Barbara Hammond	College Hill Representative
	KNona Liddell	College Hill Alternate
	Richard Hume	Pioneer Hill Representative
	Greg Wilson	Pioneer Hill Alternate (Vice Chair)
	Phyllis Stallcop	Sunnyside Hill Representative
	Mike Lowery	Business Community Representative
	DaVina Hoyt	Multicultural Alternate
	Josh Meyer	ASWSU Representative
	Riley Myklebust	ASWSU Alternate
	Bill Holman	Pullman School District Alternate
	Dalton Dice	Pullman High School Representative
Staff:	Chief Gary Jenkins	Pullman Police Department
	Elysia Spencer	Pullman Police Department

Washington State University Police Advisory Board

Present: Zach Hays (Co-Chair)
Rich Villa (Co-Chair)
Kim Barrett
Joan Oviawe
Arlene Parkay

Washington State University Police Advisory Board (continued)

Absent: Idir Advagic
Donna Arnold
Eileen Brady
Jill Crump
Tim Freeson
Edwin Hamada
Jami Harrison
Doug Lopes
Jeff Phelps
Brian Shuffield
Hanna Smaha
Heidi Stanton
Dave Whelchel
Dina Wyche

Staff: Lieutenant Steve Hanson WSU Police Department
Marcia McNannay WSU Police Department

CALL TO ORDER Parkay called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. The Pullman PAC had a quorum; WSU PAB did not.

MINUTES Minutes from the March 14th meeting are not complete. Will be reviewed and approved at May meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS Members reviewed recommended changes to the Pullman Police Pullman Police Advisory Committee Mission & Guidelines document which was adopted at the March 14th meeting. Spencer explained proposed changes as recommended by the City Attorney.

*****MOTION***** At 5:34, Parkay advised that she would entertain a motion to adopt the Pullman Police Advisory Committee Mission and Guidelines document as amended. The motion was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS Pullman Police Department – Chief Jenkins
Police Department • Update on community resources for homeless and needy population: Community Action Center is the local resource to assist with temporary housing and food. Palouse River Counseling provides mental health evaluations and assists with access to additional resources.
Updates • Proposal for taxi stands: One of the taxi cab drivers proposed the idea of having taxi stands at certain locations in town that would increase accessibility to taxi services to intoxicated individuals to help prevent drunk driving and get people safely to their destination. Department is looking into the issue further.
 • City Council Discussion Item: Establishing a joint

Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). Currently, all cities in state are required to have a CEMP, which outlines emergency and disaster response. Has been working with Whitman County and WSU to propose creating a joint CEMP for all three agencies and pooling all of the shared resources. If approved by Council, the three entities will then work with the state to develop the joint CEMP.

- 2010 Department Annual Report will be presented to City Council.
- Sexual Assault Awareness Week is next week (April 11-15)
- Federal Narrow-banding Requirement – While the federal requirement is not until 2012, WHITCOM and subscribing agencies are making the move early on May 9, 2011. Radios and equipment have been ordered and should be ready to go live by the deadline.

WSU Police Department – Lieutenant Hanson (filling in for Chief Gardner)

- Also on track to meet the May 9th narrow-banding deadline.
- Looking forward to potential CEMP cooperation.

REGULAR BUSINESS
Update on WSU Police
Face-to-Face Forums

The final face-to-face forum of the semester will be held tomorrow (April 12th) from 4:00-5:00pm in the CUB Lounge. Topic is “Meet the WSU Interns”. Looking for forum topic ideas for next fall.

REGULAR BUSINESS
Discuss Proposed
Pullman PD Camera
Project and “Smart
Policing” Grant Proposal

Chief Jenkins advised that the PPD received approval at last City Council meeting to apply for a grant through the Department of Justice. The grant is targeted at addressing violent crime and neighborhood disorders. The PPD’s grant proposal is to install security cameras in areas identified as having high levels of targeted incidents in an attempt to positively impact those crimes through investigation and prevention. The grant would fund up to \$300,000 and requires an accredited criminal justice educational community, and the PPD will be partnering with the criminal justice department at WSU to provide statistical analysis and assessment for the grant. Grant application deadline is April 21st.

A member asked about number of cameras and how the locations would be determined. Chief Jenkins advised that numbers depend upon level of funding, software and hardware costs, but that the project so far has identified the area around Adams Mall as a primary location for camera placement.

Chief Jenkins also spoke about previously expressed questions about privacy concerns inherent to this kind of project. He advised that there will be opportunities for community input on department policies and procedures.

REGULAR BUSINESS
Discuss Proposed
Pullman PD Camera
(Continued)

A member asked about whether the Committee could engage in fundraising activities for public safety projects. Spencer advised she had not followed up with the City Attorney yet on this issue, but would do so and report at the next meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS
NIXLE Update & Social
Networking Options for
Committees/Boards

NIXLE is a text messaging service that subscribers can sign up for to receive alerts from the police department. Chief Jenkins advised that the service was originally free, but the company was going to begin charging \$1500-\$3000 to continue the service at the end of April. The PPD has decided to discontinue use of NIXLE and now using Twitter. The department is exploring other messaging options as well, since Twitter capacity is limited due to text limits of tweets.

WSU Police Advisory Board is considering creating a Facebook page. The idea that it could be used both as a public information bulletin/alert page, as well as promoting community policing ideals and help build relationships between the public and the police department. The posts would range from announcements about upcoming meetings, reminders to lock vehicles in light of recent vehicle prowls, as well as police officer features and profiles. Questions about page settings and administrative options, such as whether page posts would be pre-screened by an administrator or whether it would just be outgoing content without users being able to post comments, were discussed.

REGULAR BUSINESS
Planning for the Lentil
Festival

Lentil Festival will be Friday, August 19th. The past two years, the Pullman PAC and WSU PAB have hosted a joint booth at the Friday night event downtown. Volunteer sign-up sheet was distributed.

REGULAR BUSINESS
Discussion of Recent
Incidents Involving
Arrests of WSU Student
Athletes

Chief Jenkins advised that the most recent case is still pending adjudication. He briefly discussed the legal process from the officer acting on scene, to attorneys filing challenges to arrests, to the judge making a ruling based on codified and case law. Each case is different, and a judge ruling in favor of a defense motion is not an indication of police misconduct.

Chief Jenkins addressed some issues raised in the media and the community, including:

- City of Pullman receives no revenue from marijuana citations
- Marijuana offenses are typically discovered when officers are engaged in other activities, like a traffic stops, calls for service, or arrests for other offences. There is no directive for marijuana enforcement.
- There is no information available that lends credibility to the claim that the Pullman Police Department targets student athletes.

REGULAR BUSINESS
Recent Incidents
Involving Arrests of
WSU Student Athletes
(Continued)

- Chief Jenkins advised that his directive to personnel is that there is no double-standard, which is broken into two areas:
 - 1) No one is given preferential treatment: Doesn't matter whether it is a City official, student athlete, WSU faculty, or another police officer; everyone is treated in same fair and equitable manner.
 - 2) How the law is applied: The department does not target anyone or any specific group for any reason. The department targets criminal conduct.

Lt. Hansen concurred with many of Chief Jenkins' remarks. WSU Police Department also does not receive revenue from anything that goes on in District Court. Lt. Hansen advised that along with marijuana offenses being discovered during traffic stops and investigating other crimes, the WSU PD also receives a lot of reports of individuals of suspected marijuana usage in residence halls.

Members reviewed a packet which included copies of media coverage of recent events, as well as a collection of citizen feedback received via City website and in the Committee voice message box.

Brief discussion of proposed research study of WSU/Police relations which was announced by WSU President Floyd. Not a lot of information available about study yet; WSU researcher advised he hadn't received any specifics yet on it, and Chief Jenkins advised that he had not yet been contacted about it either.

Topic opened for discussion and public comment. Members shared comments and concerns they had heard from their constituencies, which covered the whole spectrum from outrage at the police department and allegations of targeting minority student athletes to applauding police action to concern that the police action was not tough enough.

A member asked about an official department response. Chief Jenkins advised that he did consider issuing a response to initial press reports and editorials to help set the record straight, but that he decided not to. A member addressed the inherent statistical problems in some news reports and the flaws of comparing arrests statistics without evaluating the underlying factors behind the difference.

A member brought up the issue of how Seattle Police Department reportedly made marijuana enforcement one of its lowest priority offenses, and whether or not Pullman Police Department is over-enforcing the law. Chief Jenkins advised that he was unfamiliar with what Seattle PD's policy is and so couldn't speak to it directly.

REGULAR BUSINESS
Recent Incidents
Involving Arrests of
WSU Student Athletes
(Continued)

Chief Jenkins advised that Pullman has the luxury of addressing quality of life issues. Because the police officers are not being dispatched from shootings to robberies to stabbings, they have the opportunity to investigate smaller crimes like graffiti and vehicle prowls, as well as handle civil issues such as noise complaints and animal problems. By focusing on community policing and adhering to the “broken windows” theory of addressing small problems before they get big, the Pullman Police Department has helped establish the high quality of life community. Chief Jenkins also advised that he doesn’t believe it is his role to tell his officers not to enforce a state law.

Chief Jenkins also advised that the police department has an obligation not only to full-time residents of the City, but also to the students and the families of students to ensure that they are safe while they reside in Pullman. By addressing issues of public intoxication and other substance abuse, there will be a safer community overall. WSU was recently listed as the safest PAC-10 school, and Pullman was listed as the best place to raise your children in the state of Washington. Chief Jenkins advised that this is a result of both Pullman Police and WSU Police having the ability to address issues while they still are small and preserving a high quality of life.

A member asked about whether there was any collaboration between the police departments and the WSU athletic programs for education of student athletes on these issues. Chief Jenkins and Lt. Hansen advised that both departments are actively involved with several of the athletic teams, both coaches and students, with a strong emphasis on prevention and education efforts. They also advised that there is a strong commitment on behalf of the athletic team staff members to address these issues collaboratively.

Members discussed other aspects of community reaction to the events and the information and opinions provided.

CONSTITUENCIES
POLL

Due to special joint meeting format, Committee constituencies were not polled during this meeting. Instead, the floor was opened to all Committee and Board members for input. Items raised were:

- Question about when traffic lines would be repainted
- Question about police activity on Mom’s Weekend, and traffic and parking concerns throughout the weekend. Chief Jenkins advised that it was his first Mom’s Weekend, but that the reports he heard from other officers indicated that the weekend was relatively quiet.

PUBLIC COMMENT No public comment at this meeting.

NEXT MEETING Pullman Police Advisory Committee: May 9, 2011 at 5:30 pm
WSU Police Advisory Board: May 4, 2011 at 3:00 pm

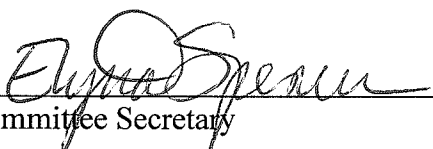
ADJOURNMENT Parkay entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion for adjournment was seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm.

ATTEST:



Committee Chair

6-13-11
Date



Committee Secretary

6/13/11
Date