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Meeting Minutes Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

11:00 AM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

Special Meeting

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Committee Member Peters opened the meeting at 11:02a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Lindy Peters, Bernie Norvell, Linda Ruffing, Fabian Lizarraga and Lesley Bryant

Absent: 2 - Steve Orsi and Tom Varga

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Committee Member Norvell and seconded by Committee Member Peters that the Committee Minutes of February 15, 2017 be approved. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

[17-131](#)

Approve Minutes from February 15, 2017 Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Andrea Luna requested additional bathrooms in the Downtown Business District, commented on the removal of the bench from North Franklin Street at the intersection with East Redwood Avenue, and additional foot patrols from the Police Department.

Steve Funk wanted to know why there were so few moving citations issued in 2016 by the Fort Bragg Police Department. Funk enquired about Vehicle Code violations and the lack of enforcement by the the Police Department.

Mike White agreed with Steve Funk regarding vehicles speeding in the area of Cedar Street.

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

1. [17-126](#) Receive Update from Staff Regarding Progress on Addressing Homeless Issues

City Manager Linda Ruffing met with Hospitality Center staff after the last Public Safety Committee Meeting to discuss changes that can or have been implemented to improve relationships with local businesses in the area of the Hospitality House. These include trash pickup in the alley, loitering in the area, and the phasing out of to go containers. The feeding program at the Hospitality House has incorporated the program that was offered by the Foursquare Lighthouse Church in previous

years.

When the Hospitality Huse was initially established as an emergency shelter, it was within the City Code. The permit issued in 2003 was for a 24 bed facility, and a feeding permit was included. A new zoning was adopted later which only permitted except in industrial areas. It is now deemed a legal non-conforming use structure.

Chief Lizarraga provided statistics showing calls to the Hospital and Safeway for the previous two years far exceeded calls the Hospitality House and Center. Officers are doing more down town footpatrol, engaging with business owners, employees and visitors. Officers have been enforcing the illegal camping regulations and the area around Bainbridge Park has improved. As far as issuing citations go, officers are aiming to get behaviors to stop rather than issue citations for all violations.

ABC employees will be vising the City in April to offer training to all businesses that sell acohol. The Police Department has sent invitations to all 72 businesses and the North Coast Brewery are co-ordinating the responses. There is a new "No Sale" list being completed with the District Attorney's Office.

Committee Member Peters asked questions regarding violations of Use Permits. Committee Member Peters and Committee Member Norvell then asked Lynelle Johnson to respond to several questions that were brought to their attention including loitering, feeding time issues.

Public comments were heard from Judy Valadao, Terry Vaughn, Bob Silva, Scott Chapman, Kathy Silva, Andrea Luna, Anna Marie Cesario, Richard Mack and Malcolm McDonald.

Several of the items brought to the Committee Members attention will be placed on the agenda for the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

None

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Member Peters adjourned the meeting at 12:53p.m.