

City of Fort Bragg

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Meeting Minutes Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

3:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting Chair Peters opened the meeting at 3:12 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: 2 - Bernie Norvell and Lindy Peters

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1A. 21-364 Approve Minutes Of The Public Safety Committee Meeting June 16, 2021

Moved by Chair Peters and seconded by Committee Member Norvell that the minutes be approved as presented.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No comments made.

3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

3A. 21-365 Continuation Of The Discussion On The Private Alley Between The 100 Block Of Morrow Street and 100 Block of N. Lincoln Street

Residents Robert Krebs and Louise spoke regarding the private alley issues they have encountered while living there. City Attorney Keith Collins briefly explains several legal options that the residents from the private alley could consider. Chair Peters reiterates the options that would probably be more convenient to the residents who live in the private alley. Committee Member Norvell recommended he would attempt to reach out to the owner who is causing all the traffic issues on the private alley.

3B. 21-366 Transient Issues At 150 South Street

Linda Hockett speaks regarding the transient issue at the location. She is requesting assistance or guidance from the Committee to rectify the situation at hand since the Coastal Land Commission prohibits the placing of temporary fencing around the property. Captain O'Neal recommends filing a Trespass Enforcement Letter with the Police Department which authorizes polices officers to enforce no trespassing of any persons on the specified property. Chief Naulty explains that there is also illegal dumping on the property that is causing more issues to the property owner because they end up cleaning it up and paying for the clean up. Captain O'Neal advices Ms. Hockett to place signage along the property line in conjunction to filing the Trespass Enforcement Letter with the Police Department to deter transients from illegal

dumping and camping at the location.

Assistant Director from the Engineering Division, Chantell O'Neal, briefly explains the different options that Ms. Hockett has since the property is on the coastal zone.

3C. 21-367 Discuss Traffic On South Street and Woodward Avenue

Captain O'Neal elaborates on the speeds that the radar trailer reported on both South Street and Woodward Avenue. The radar trailer statistics state that the speed limits have been significantly low and there is no relevant speeding problem on both streets.

Chantell O'Neal speaks on behalf of the City's Public Works and detailed that the City is able to look into considering placing speed bumps or speed humps. She explained that there may liability issues in conjunction to placing these speed reducers eventually. She mentions that there is an extensive process that needs to be completed before speed bumps or humps are placed in. Committee Member Norvell spoke regarding complaints from residents on Woodward Street. Chair Peters finalizes by stating that with the use of the radar trailer and traffic enforcement officers is the best efforts for now before we consider speed bumps.

4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

4A. 21-368 Receive Oral Update From Staff On Departmental Activities

Chair Peters informed the Committee that there is an over grown bush by the graveyard that is a traffic hazard for drivers. Peters would like City Public Works personnel to look further into the situation.

Chief Orsi provided an update regarding the Fire Department and how they attended to the fire that occurred this past Saturday at the south coastal trail.

Captain O'Neal shared Rory Beak's Police Academy graduation details and that tomorrow he will be sworn in. Chief Naulty mentioned the importance of how the Police Department hires local applicants and trains them before they are sent to the Police Academy so that they excel in their trainings. He informed the public that CSO Moore is a certified Child Safety Seat Technician and if anyone is interested in seeking these services they can call the Fort Bragg Police Department and schedule an appointment with her. He ends his report by commending all officers for covering extra shifts and coming in on their days off and truly committing to the department.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Peters adjourned the meeting at 4:23 PM