

Public Safety Commission Meeting

April 27, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Jeff Lofton, Bob Smith, Riverview Fire Chief, Keith Goldstein, Barbara West, Juanita Best, Ed Meier & Alderwoman Shirley Paro.

Jim Christian & John Koester were excused from the meeting.

Discussion on Fire House:

Members heard a rumor that 2 of the firehouses were going to be closed. The chief said that was not true. He believed the rating should stay at a 4.

The Public Safety Commission made a motion to recommend all 3 firehouses are kept open. The motion was seconded and voted on. All agreed.

Discussion on Crime Prevention:

Several items were discussed including education for the residents about keeping porch lights on, fining parents for kids that are committing the crimes, checking street lights and making sure citizens know to report any suspicious behavior.

The Public Safety Commission made a motion to have signs made up that said, "Bellevue Neighbors will not tolerate crime and we will call the police on all suspicious activity in our neighborhoods." Such signs will be placed in all the major entrance areas to the city where the BN signs are now. Also included in this motion is to have flyers made up and put into the newsletters that are sent to residents and notifications on all community boards recommending residents keep porch lights on and report suspicious behavior in the area." Motion was seconded and voted on. All agreed.

New Business:

A question came up about street repairs. Shirley said they are making their way down Chambers. Chief Goldstein asked about road conditions on Lilac near 270. Shirley said she would give him the contact information to report. Lilac is scheduled for repairs in 2019, and Bellevue Road in 2018.

Reminder that schools will be letting out soon. Need programs for youth. Shirley said there is a day camp that the police are in charge of that lasts a week. Also sign-ups for baseball will take place at the same time as the swim team and Matthew Dickey's will be

there for that. They are also looking for umpires. More information will be published about this in the newsletter.

There was a suggestion that we all look at the street lights and report any that are out. Shirley explained about the number on the tag at the top of the pole on the street lights. She will put this information in the newsletter so residents can report if they are out. Residents should call city hall to report. Response time is better if you go through the city instead of calling Ameren directly.

The Public Safety Commission made a motion to have the aldermen check the street lights in their ward and report any that are out or obstructed by trees, etc. The motion was seconded and voted on. All agreed.

A question came up about the request for a code enforcement officer. When Ted retired, Joe took his place full time and there is a part time person that will be working with Joe. He will be doing the code enforcement.

The meeting ended at 7:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be on May 25, 2017

Juanita Best, Board Member