

## Public Safety Commission Meeting

October 25, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

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

**Members Present:** John Koester, Walter Brown, Jeff Lofton, Kelvin Green, Alderwoman Barbara West, and Chief Ihler.

### **Old Business:**

The need for speed bumps was discussed; the commission will start the process of researching this topic.

### **New Business:**

**Police Report:** On October 9<sup>th</sup>, Riverview Gardens held a meeting concerning responses to emergency situations. Approximately forty people were in attendance from several agencies that will become involved, plus members of the school district's staff. Two issues which came up were coordination between the separate agencies, and the need to have a consistent message for the public and the media.

The police department expects Halloween to be quieter than in recent years. The holiday is in the middle of the week and the weather is expected to be rainy.

Starting in 2019, the police department will have full staffing on (3) holidays: 4<sup>th</sup> of July; Halloween, and New Year's Eve.

The police department took part in a disaster training exercise with over (100) participants.

A local resident Clara Norise, presented two concepts for improving public safety. One was to install panic buttons in various public institutions. The second was a concept for a small bus with separate cubicles for the driver and passengers, and enhanced emergency communications. Members of the board had several questions and comments for her. We recommended she contact the businesses in the CORTEX district for help in refining and prototyping her concept.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be January 24, 2019.

John Koester