

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MET ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 2ND AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM.

CHIEF CHRIS LIU REVIEWED SOME NEW IDEAS ON A RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS PROGRAM HOPING TO FIND PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON A VOLUNTARY BASES. WORKING IN AREAS OF PATROL, COMMUNICATIONS, ANIMAL CONTROL, YOUTH SERVICES OR OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST. CHIEF LIU WILL BE SEEKING FUNDS FROM THE CITY FOR UNIFORMS AND TRAINING.

CHIEF CHRIS LIU REVIEWED THE LETTERS OF COMMENDATION THAT WOULD BE PRESENTED TO INVESTIGATOR NELSON AND SGT. ACHEE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY THE 4TH, FOR THEIR RESPONSE TO TUNDRA RIDGE FIRE. ALSO CHIEF LIU EXTENDED HIS PERSONAL THANKS AND COMMENDATION TO ALL WHO RESPONDED TO THE FIRE. THIS IS AN ENCOURAGING EXSAMPLE OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS WORKING TOGETHER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY.

POLICE CHIEF CHRIS LIU HAS RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO ATTEND THE F.B.I. NATIONAL ACADEMY APRIL 10 THRU JUNE 24.

BOGEY'S PLACE CONCERNS

IN A REPORT BY FIRE CHIEF GEORGE YOUNG. THE LIFE AND FIRE SAFETY PLANS FOR BOGEY'S PLACE WERE APPROVED BY THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL. SINCE BOGEY'S OPENING, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS OF NOISE DISTURBANCE AND OF THE BUSINESS REMAINING OPEN AFTER 1:00 A.M. THE OWNERS HAVE AGREED TO HELP PREVENT FURTHER COMPLAINTS BY REDUCING THE NOISE AND BY CLOSING ON TIME AS REQUIRED.

DEC IS INVESTIGATING SANITARY CONCERNS FOR THE FACILITY.

FIRE CHIEF GEORGE YOUNG SAID THAT THE OWNERS WERE TRYING TO MAKE IT SMOKE FREE, ALCOHOL FREE, AND A REAL NICE PLACE FOR COMMUNITY GATHERINGS.

SNOW MACHINE CROSSING SIGN RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY MARCH 2ND AT 12 NOON AT THE POLICE STATION CONFERENCE ROOM. THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME.



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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 1994

- CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Abrant called the February 2, 1994, regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 12:15 p.m.
- ROLL CALL** Present: Abrant, Tubbs, Gregory, Rapoza, Vanasse
Absent: Twitchell (excused), Wallace (excused)
- APPROVAL/MINUTES** M/M by Tubbs, 2nd by Rapoza to approve the minutes of the January 5, 1994, meeting as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.
- APPROVAL/AGENDA** M/M by Vanasse, 2nd by Tubbs to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.
- PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**
-Mr. Tubbs welcomed Gary Vanasse back to the committee. (Subsequently, each member welcomed Vanasse.)
-Mr. Gregory announced that he is the only eskimo appointed to the state legislative committee, and as such will be able to advocate committee issues. Wants to start a chapter of AARP.
-Mr. Vanasse expressed that he is glad to be back, and glad the committee now has seven members.
-Ms. Rapoza asked about the status of animal control.
(-Chief Liu responded that Burley has improved the program, but the facility needs to be updated. Discussion followed about improvements in the disposal of animals.)
-Chairman Abrant announced that he has information about upcoming CCW bill, and

urged that concerned citizens write or call Senator Jacko or Rep. Hoffman.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD (none)

CHIEF'S REPORTS

-Chief Liu described the efforts being made to resolve problems at the new club, Bogie's. March 1-2, the police dept. will receive containment training in conjunction with the Alaska State Troopers. Revising the Manual of Rule and Regulations, will route new policy manual to City Administration and Council. Sgt. Achee and Inv. Nelson received letters of commendation for their efforts at a fire. Police and fire made a successful joint effort during the incident.

-Chief Young stated that Bogie's has met fire standards, and had been approved by the State Fire Marshall. Young has seen that the owners are making efforts to ensure the club is safe and legal. Recently, the fire department, police, state troopers, and national guard had an exceptionally coordinated response to a report of a vehicle falling through the ice. The incident was a false alarm, but the response was outstanding.

-General discussion followed about Bogie's, until it was recognized that the issue is not the responsibility of this committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Item A: Snow
Machine Crossing
Signs

-Chief Liu submitted a report by Sgt. Short Short proposing locations for signs (see attached).

motion

M/M by Vanasse, 2nd by Rapoza to request that Council approve the funding for purchase of informational snow machine crossing signs, the specifications of which to be determined by the city manager and department heads. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Item B: Retention
Incentives

-Committee members agreed to remove this item.

NEW BUSINESS

Item A: Reserve
Police Program

-Chief Liu described progress on the program, including recruitment and collection of applications. Explained that there will be four areas for volunteers: police, animal control, communications, and youth services, with each area under its own supervisor. Currently developing the manual, with hopes to kick off the program in March, if possible.

-General discussion followed about the structure and funding of the program.

APPOINTMENT OF
ACTING CHAIRPERSON

-Gary Vanasse was appointed Acting Chair for the next meeting.

motion

M/M by Vanasse, 2nd by Tubbs to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE WILL OCCUR ON MARCH 2, 1994, 12:00 P.M., AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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BETHEL POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Liu *J*
FROM: Sergeant Kevin Short
DATE: January 16, 1994
RE: Snowmachine crossing signs

Chief Liu, this memorandum is in response to your request on the snowmachine crossing issue. I recommend that snowmachine crossing/danger signs be posted in the following locations throughout Bethel;

1. On Ridgecrest Drive, near the BNC Business Complex and AC Store.
2. Intersection of State Highway and Schwalbe Street.
3. Intersection of Third Avenue and Main Street.
4. Intersection of Fourth Avenue and Main Street.
5. Intersection of Tundra Street and Second Avenue.
6. Intersection of Oscar Way and Second Avenue.
7. Intersection of Akakeek Street and Ridgecrest Drive.
8. Intersection of Seventh Avenue and Ridgecrest Drive.
9. Intersection of Sixth Avenue nad Ridgecrest Drive.
10. Intersection of Akiachuk Drive and Mission Drive (near Teen Center).
11. On Akiak Drive near KUC and Mission Drive.
12. Intersection of Seventh Avenue and Main Street.
13. Intersection of State Highway and Ridgecrest Drive.
14. On Tundra Ridge Road by H-Marker Lake.
15. On Ptarmigan Street between Notti's and AVCP Housing (Kasigluk trail crossing).

16. On State Highway by the hospital.
17. Intersection of Willow Street and Seventh Avenue.
18. On Schwalbe Street by Anton Anvil's residence.
19. Intersection of Main Street and Kilbuck Street.
20. Intersection of Main Street and Front Street.
21. Intersection of Bluff Drive and First Avenue.

There are many other locations where the signs can be posted, but these are the main areas of danger for snowmachine traffic. If you have any questions or comments, please get with me.