

July 1992

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Police Department

12:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 PM.

Present: John Abrant, Sherron Smyth, Susan Rapoza, Wally Richardson, Peter Twitchell (late) Police Chief Liu, George Young

M/M by John Abrant, 2nd by Sherron Smyth to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

M/M by John Abrant, 2nd by Sherron Smyth to accept the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:

Sherron Smyth brought up the concern of disposal of deceased animals. Chief Liu reported that DEC was contacted to find out the proper way to dispose of them and a new policy is being written for presentation to the Committee for review.

John Abrant brought up the concern of the Police Reserve Program. Chief Liu reported on the training needs to be classified as reserves and also a manual needs to be written for the program. October will be the beginning point for training in Sitka.

Wally Richardson brought up the concern raised by Dave Trantham regarding vandalism to his property. Chief Liu stated he would get together with the patrolmen and also speak with Dave.

Sherron Smyth discussed cab drivers' driving habits and requested stats on accidents involving cabs; she further suggested a driver's training course for cab drivers. Sherron also reported on the status of the swimming pool which will be located behind the College.

Peter Twitchell brought up the concern of fireworks during the 4th of July celebration and suggested a plan of action for the next Fourth.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item A: Selection of Chairperson: Peter nominated John Abrant; Sherron Smyth nominated Susan Rapoza.

Motion made by Sherron to close nominations. Secret ballot was conducted. Results: John Abrant - 3; Susan - 2. John Abrant was declared the new Chairman.

Item B: Consider change in curfew hours from age 18 to 16. Chief Liu presented his views and reasons why he would like to see the age changed. Vandalism has increased and gangs are developing within this age group. Reducing the curfew hours for this age group can help to curtail these concerns. In response, the Chief was directed to prepare a draft amendment to Curfew Ordinance #9 to be presented at the next Committee meeting.

Item C: Evaluate the use of Fireworks. Chief Liu reported the Police Department had received 22 calls concerning the use of fireworks and that he would like the Committee to think of suggestions on how to handle the next year's fireworks policy.

M/M Susan, 2nd by Sherron to adjourn.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, September 16
12:00 Noon
Police Station**

John Abrant will not be in attendance because of a TDY.