



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 11, 2011**

The Public Safety Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, July 11, 2011 at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Michael Lauderdale, called the Board Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Michael Lauderdale
Michael Levy
Aman Bandali
Ramey Ko (Arrived at approximately 4:28 pm)
Kim Rossmo
Moses Saldana, Sr.

Board Members not in Attendance:

Sam Holt

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes for the regular meeting on 06/06/2011 were approved on Commissioner Levy's motion, Commissioner Bandali's second on a 5-0-2 vote with Commissioner Ko and Commissioner Holt not present.

2. Citizen Communications

- a. Heather Fazio – discussed buying marijuana locally as not to support cartel activity, and requested APD be instructed to cease programs and initiatives that spend money and resources to locate grow houses and distributors of cannabis.
- b. Travis Snavely – Austenites Against Metered Parking Extension Downtown, commented on repealing current Downtown parking meter extension and concerns related to restaurant staff affected by the changes.

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- c. Randall Peterson – commented on concerns for parking meters related to Travis Snaveley’s comments, also commented on concerns with the Fusion Center gathering non-criminal information.
- d. Mary Krenek – Austenites Against Metered Parking Extension Downtown, commented on concerns with women, gays & homosexuals in the community related to assaults occurring in parking garages and ensuring a safe environment exists if people are mandated to use the facilities.
- e. Debbie Russell – commented on there being a high number of sworn officers working at 911 verses civilians and wanting more civilians hired over sworn officers.

3. Discussion and Possible Action Items

- a. AFD preparedness for wild land fires presentation – AFD Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr, AFD Chief of Staff Harry Evans, AFD Assistant Chief Ken Crooks, AFD Association President Bob Nicks
 - 1) PowerPoint presentation, back up material archived
- b. 911 Staffing presentation – Communication Manager Marcia Brooks, CAPCOG Director of Emergency Communication Greg Obuch
 - 1) PowerPoint presentation, back up material archived
- c. Association Presidents comments on potential budget cuts to Public Safety – Austin Police Association President Wayne Vincent, Austin Association of Professional Firefighters President Bob Nicks, Austin/Travis County Employees Association President Steve Stewart
 - 1) E-mail attachments of bullet points to be provided to Committee Chair by each President
- d. EMS presentation on Community Health Paramedic program – EMS Chief of Staff James Shamard, EMS Commander Andy Hofmeister, EMS Association President Steve Stewart
 - 1) PowerPoint presentation, back up material archived

4. Briefings and Updates

- a. Projected loss of Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding – APD Assistant Chief Sean Mannix

5. Future Agenda Items

- a. ARIC/DEA/DPS updates on public safety threats from gangs, organized crime, and cartels
- b. Boarding Home Task Force update

6. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Ko, 2nd by Commissioner Bandali.

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