



COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, June 20, 2004

7:00 p.m., Conference Room B

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm. Chair Baker welcomed new member, Chris Boga and all members introduced themselves.

➤ Quorum Call

The following members were present:

- Chair, Kevin Baker – District Two
- Bill Quinn - KNAG
- Markey Humberstad – Citizen-at-Large
- Margarethe Pommerening – Citizen-at-Large
- Jim Keller – Citizen-at-Large
- Chris Boga – Chamber of Commerce

Staff Present:

- Captain Jeff Kuhns, Police Department
- Debbie Lockhart, Recording Secretary

Also Present:

- Susan Keen, Interested Citizen

- **Approval Of Minutes** ~ Postponed until they could be distributed to members for review.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- **Election of COP Chair and Vice Chair** ~ Markey Humberstad nominated Kevin Baker to serve as Chair of Community Oriented Policing Committee. Jim Keller seconded. Mr. Baker accepted the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Keller nominated Bill Quinn as Vice Chair. Markey Humberstad seconded. Mr. Quinn accepted the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Review of Higher Touch Consulting Report** ~ After brief discussion on the report, members decided to postpone discussion and review until they had read the report. It was agreed to put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Markey Humberstad reviewed the history of the group stating that there were approximately 35 to 50 people involved who had basic concerns about the community. Because many concerns have been resolved, attendance at the

meetings has diminished. Projects have been undertaken to save time for the City Council. Captain Kuhns added that other issues addressed by the committee were: a vendor's ordinance, a no solicitation door to door ordinance. He pointed out that in order to make efficient use of their time, issues addressed should be at the direction of City Council. However, issues presented by interested citizens should be addressed by the committee

3. NEW BUSINESS

- **Discuss Ways to Bring 100% ID Checks to Keizer Business** ~ Chair Baker referred to the report by Detective Jennifer Roberts regarding identity theft. He noted that it is difficult to get local merchants to participate in checking identification. Captain Kuhns added that in the early 90's the city joined with the Salem Police Department and introduced "Operation Checkprint" where businesses were encouraged to obtain a thumbprint on the back of every check passed at their business. The program was not received favorably by large vendors. However, since that time, another program has begun called "No Meth, Not In My Neighborhood". This Task Force is trying to tackle problems associated with use of methamphetamines, one of which is identify theft, and is encouraging merchants to ask for photo identification from patrons using credit cards. This is a countywide effort. Captain Kuhns encouraged the committee to take a "wait and see" position for now until further direction becomes available from the Task Force. He invited Kevin Baker to attend the next Task Force meeting.

Captain Kuhns added that Operation 2120 is a clearing house where cancelled checks go. There has been some discussion about thumbprints on these checks and how scanning will affect identification of thumbprints on the check. The response was that the scanned document will be of such quality that identification will not be hindered. It is however an evidentiary issue which is being investigated.

Chair Baker suggested that because the group had not had an official meeting for so long and the new business was outdated, plans should be made for a "Goal Setting" meeting where members consider what they want to do as a team. **All members agreed that they would like direction/input from Council as to what was expected of them.**

- **Roundtable** ~ Markey Humberstad suggested that there be some sort of limit put on the use of fireworks. She complained that there are people in her neighborhood that are still setting them off and it is very disruptive. Ms. Humberstad continued that she would like to see some regulation of door to door solicitation, not just in homes but in businesses. Kevin Baker mentioned that this issue could be considered in the "Goal Setting" session.

Bill Quinn asked for explanation of the School Zone speed limit. Captain Kuhns explained that school zones on streets with a set speed limit of 30 mph or less will have the school zone in effect 24/7. Discussion continued at length. Captain Kuhns noted that there are already efforts underway to have the law changed. The Oregon Chiefs of Police Association and the League of Oregon Cities have both gone on record that they are against it.

Additional discussion continued regarding the accident on River Road that tied up traffic for 6 hours, the speed limit reduction of River Road and Tepper Lane closure.

Chris Boga reported that Bakers Plaza is a unique mall with a lot of attraction for children. However the parking lot is a "through" for neighborhoods and it should have speed bumps to slow traffic and protect the children. Captain Kuhns suggested that Mr. Boga, along with other tenants, approach the owners of the mall, in writing. He added that when possible litigious safety issues are addressed in writing, results can be more likely and then it is on record.

- **Input Next Agenda ~** Review of Higher Touch Consulting Report
Goal Setting – Direction from Council
- **Set Next Meeting Date ~** September 21, 2004

4. ADJOURNMENT – Bill Quinn moved to adjourn the meeting. Markey Humberstad seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.