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Public Safety Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: January 5, 2009

Convened: 12:05 p.m.

Adjourned: 1:41 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia, **Chair**
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway, **Vice-Chair**
Tennell Atkins
Jerry R. Allen
Sheffie Kadane
Ron Natinsky
David Neumann
Mitchell Rasansky

City Staff Present:

Ryan Evans, First Assistant City Manager
Police Chief David Kunkle, DPD
Deputy Chief Brian Harvey, DPD
Lt. Craig Miller, DPD
Lt. Edwin Ruiz-Diaz, DPD
Lt. Robert Hinton, DPD
Dewayne Jackson, Assistant Director, EBS
Lisa Christopherson, CAO
Jackie Middlebrooks, CAO
Shun Session, CMO

Committee Members Absent:

Other Council Members Present:

Carolyn Davis
Vonciel Jones Hill

Guests:

Kathy Carlson, Apartment Association of
Greater Dallas

AGENDA:

1. **Call to Order**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia called an Open Session of the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 12:05 p.m., Tuesday, January 5, 2009 at City Hall, 1500 Marilla, 6ES, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

2. **Approval of Meeting Record for December 1, 2008 Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia, Chair

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Motion was made to approve the minutes.

Motion made by: **David Neumann**

Item passed unanimously: **X**

Item failed unanimously:

Motion seconded by: **Sheffie Kadane**

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

3. **DPD Marked Squad Cars – Update (Informational Memo)**

Presenter(s): Dewayne Jackson, Assistant Director, Equipment & Building Services

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): none

4. **Crime Report/Homicide Report**

Presenter(s): Police Chief David M. Kunkle, Dallas Police Department
Lt. Craig Miller, Dallas Police Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Chief Kunkle provided the committee with an overview in the Crime/Homicide Report. The following is a summary of 2008 Crimes Reported to Dallas Police Department: (1) 170 murders is the lowest number of murders in 41 years (2) lowest per capita murder rate of the last 42 years (.136 per 1000) (3) 7th consecutive year of violent crime reduction – 6,356 fewer violent crimes in 2008 as compared to 2001 (-35.8%) (4) lowest per capita violent crime rate in 32 years (9.12 per 1000) and (5) 5th consecutive year of total crime rate reduction – 27,586 fewer crimes in 2008 compared to 2003 (-24%).

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) residential burglaries (2) beat policing (3) burglary motor vehicles (4) neighborhood crime watch (5) handgun crimes and (6) truancy.

5. **Multi Tenant Program Update**

Presenter(s): Deputy Chief Brian Harvey, Dallas Police Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Deputy Chief Harvey provided the committee with an update of the Multi Tenant Program. The Multi Tenant Program has two components that are totally separate but parallel. The first is the voluntary certification program and the second is the mandatory crime reduction program. The Multi Tenant Program will provide crime reduction benefits and improve communication and service delivery to the apartment community.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) focus groups (2) crime risk threshold (3) credit reports (4) condominiums vs. apartment complex (5) community per capita crime index (6) payphones located on multi family properties (7) access control gates (8) parking issues and (9) education on how to conduct a crime watch meeting.

Follow up: The chair requested a memo with a list of voluntarily apartment complexes be provided to each council member and a 6 month update on the Multi Tenant Program.

A motion was made by Mr. Allen to recommend the Multi Tenant Program Ordinance to the full Dallas City Council for approval on January 14, 2009 council agenda. Mr. Natinsky seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

6. **DPD Response to Bank Robberies**

Presenter(s): Lt. Edwin Ruiz-Diaz, Dallas Police Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Lt. Ruiz-Diaz gave an overview on DPD Responses to Bank Robberies. Topics of discussion were as follows: (1) bank robbery squad (2) bank robberies from 2005-2007 (3) safe banking initiative (4) recommended deterrence practices (5) use of technology (6) scarecrow bandits and (7) results.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) standards to the quality of the resolution of the cameras that are being used both in banks and convenient stores.

7. **Juvenile Curfew Ordinance**

Presenter(s): Lt. Robert Hinton, Dallas Police Department

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Lt. Hinton gave an overview of the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance. Topics of discussion were as follows: (1) background (2) current enforcement (3) enforcement alternatives (4) citations issued for curfew violations 1996-2008 (5) juvenile arrests for major crime 1996-2007 and (6) recommendations.

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) daytime curfew (2) truancy intervention initiative and (3) decrease in juvenile arrests.

Follow up: Staff will return to the Public Safety Committee on February 2, 2009 with a proposed curfew ordinance modification.

A motion was made by Mr. Neumann to recommend the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance to the full Dallas City Council for approval on February 11, 2009 council agenda. Mr. Caraway seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

8. **Upcoming City Council Agenda Items for January 2009**

- a. City of Dallas Anti-Gang Initiative/Governor's Gang Initiative Grant
- b. Renewal of Dallas City Code Section 31-33 Juvenile Curfew Ordinance
- c. Reimbursement for Task Force Investigations

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: none

A motion was made by Mr. Kadane to support the City of Dallas Anti-Gang Initiative/Governor's Gang Initiative Grant and to recommend it to the full Dallas City Council for approval on January 28, 2009 council agenda. Mr. Caraway seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Allen to support the Reimbursement for Task Force Investigations agenda item and to recommend it to the full Dallas City Council for approval on January 14, 2009 council agenda. Mr. Natinsky seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

9. **Administrative Reports**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Calvin Cunigan, Dallas Police Department

The committee had the following concerns/recommendations: (1) none

10. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Elba Garcia, Chair
Public Safety Committee

Shun Session, Coordinator
Public Safety Committee