

Boonsboro Public Safety Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 15, 2016

Present: Chair, Rick Byrd; Terri Hollingshead; Kristy Smith; Tony Nally; Officer Kevin Morgan, Boonsboro Police Department

Chairman Byrd called the meeting to order just after 7 PM.

Guests: Roland England

August minutes were approved with a motion by Ms. Hollingshead, seconded by Mr. Nally.

Old Business:

Welcome to newest commission member, Tony Nally.

We have received input from town engineer Brian Hopkins about our request for additional stop signs along Saint Paul Street. Mr. Byrd will include these remarks in the discussion at the next Mayor and Council workshop. Mr. Byrd will also seek input from Chief Stanford. The point was made that our request wasn't in the realm of traffic control, but in the interest of safety.

NNO letters will be ready for signature and mailing at the October meeting.

In response to citizen comment, the police department has been monitoring speeding and activity in and around Kinsey Heights. Officer Morgan noted that having a description of the car of habitual speeders, as well as general times of day that the problem occurs is helpful. Also noted is that within close neighborhoods, a friendly approach may be more effective.

New Business:

Roland England was in attendance as a potential commission member. However, Mr. England's primary interest is in volunteer worked. He discussed police chaplain support with Officer Morgan, and will follow up with Donna regarding that role. He will not be joining the PSC, but would be willing to help out with specific volunteer opportunities.

Mr. John Wolford of the SHA followed up with Kristy Smith with a phone call. An extensive traffic study has commenced throughout Boonsboro addressing most if not all of the issues discussed at the August meeting. Another area of concern mentioned by Officer Morgan is that the cross walk for the library on South Potomac Street is in an area of no sidewalks. That crosswalk might be more safely accessed if it was moved up to in front of the police department near the new ball fields.

In response to concerns about the cross walk at Main Street and Maple Avenue, Mr. Nally contacted WCPS to inquire about a crossing guard for this area. The WCPS Transportation Department did monitor the area over a period of a few days, and there just is not enough pedestrian traffic to warrant a crossing guard at this time. Documentation of this response is submitted as an attachment with these minutes.

PSC Chair Rick Byrd has resigned the chair position as a result of his election to the town council. Mr. Byrd will continue to serve the PSC as the liaison to the mayor and council. Ms. Hollingshead will serve as interim chair in the coming months.

Police Department Report:

Officer Morgan had nothing of note to report.

Fire Department Report:

No representation from the Fire Department.

Mayor and Council Report:

Mr. Byrd shared items of interest with the PSC from the most recent Mayor and Council workshop. The next phase of the Sycamore Run Development has been approved.

The town has submitted a 2016 Maryland Department of Transportation Priorities which includes many of the issues discussed at the August meeting of the PSC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Smith

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Subject: Crosswalk - Boonsboro, MD
Date: Wed 09/14/16 01:37 PM

Mr. Nally,

Below are the findings of our observation of the crosswalk in regards to your request for the Boonsboro Elementary School. If you need any further information or have any questions feel free to contact me.

08/29 - 3 Students were observed using the crosswalk before and after school

08/31 - 3 Students were observed using the crosswalk before and after school

09/09 - 4 Students were observed using the crosswalk before and after school

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