

**Public Safety Commission
Meeting
21 August 2014**

The Public Safety Commission's (PSC) monthly meeting was held on Thursday, 21 August 2014 at 7:00 PM in the first floor conference room (former town library) of Town Hall. Present: Commission Chairperson Cindy Collier, Commission Members Terri Hollingshead, Marty Love, and Scott Stavrou. Also present PSC Council Liaison Sean Haardt of the Mayor and Council (M&C) and Chief Stanford of the Boonsboro Police Department (PDB). Guests were Amanda Kerr (Boonsboro Summer Intern) presenting Walkability Study. Barbara B. Wetzel and Brigitte Schmidt of the M&C, Megan Clark (Town Manager) and one unidentified person.

WELCOME:

Collier welcomed those in attendance and passed out the meeting's agenda, both the June and July PSC Minutes, and Kerr's Walkability Study.

Walkability Study

Collier opened the floor to Amada Kerr a 2013 graduate of Boonsboro High School and incoming sophomore at Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts. Ms. Kerr intends to major in Environmental Science and during the summer of 2014 has served as an intern for the Town through a grant obtained by the Boonsboro Environmental Commission (BEC). Kerr presented a Power Point Presentation along with the document *Walkability in Boonsboro, MD, A study completed for the Town of Boonsboro's Public Safety Commission, Amanda Kerr, August 21, 2014.*

Kerr then presented her findings. Very briefly Kerr defined walkability and its importance to a community. She then reported on the methodologies used by her to obtain the data used for her results and conclusion. The main data mining tool being the 19 July 2014 Town Walkabout with included survey forms. Kerr reported her findings and executive summary.

Everyone in attendance thanked Kerr and remarked on the excellence of her very professional presentation and report. The floor was opened for questions. After fielding and answering many questions the general consensus was that with Kerr's findings and report the town was better informed on which areas are currently problematic and ways to avoid future problems as the town grows. After lengthy discussion of her findings the PSC moved on to other Agenda Items.

MINUTES:

Collier allowed some time for review of both the June (suspended) and July PSC minutes. Motion Love second by Stavrou to officially approve both sets of minutes. Motion Carried.

National Night Out (NNO)

Collier wished to suspend the after action report for the NNO but reminded everyone to either commit their concerns, recommendations and observations to email or notes for discussion during September's PSC meeting. Briefly, Love reported that he was very impressed with Boonsboro's NNO as compared to his previous experience with Frederick's participation with NNO.

M&C Report

Haardt reported on Byrd's official selection to the PSC during the most recent M&C. Also, Haardt reviewed on the very ongoing and passionate discussions concerning the keeping of chickens on private residential property in town.

Additionally, he reported on the possible installation of Wi-Fi internet access for Shafer Park through Antietam Cable. Lastly, Haardt relayed to the PSC the next band to play at Shafer Park as part of the Summer Music sessions.

BPD

Chief Stanford reported that Crime Intervention Alarm, Inc. would be installing a DVR on the existing camera system at Shafer Park and checking on other existing equipment. Chief reported that when fully installed and operational the new surveillance system would be web based with cruisers having capabilities to view remotely.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Stavrou, second by Hollingshead to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Motion Carried. Next PSC meeting to be held 18 September 2014 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cindy Collier,
Public Safety Commission Chairperson