LADUE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2014

Present:
Col. William Francis, Jr., Chairman
Mr. L. Shepley Hermann
Mr. John D. Schaperkotter
Mr. John P. Stupp

Also present were Police Chief Rich Wooten, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Johnson, Mayor Nancy Spewak and Mayoral Assistant Michael Wooldridge.

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

The agenda was approved upon motions seconded by Commissioners Stupp and Hermann.

The minutes of the meeting of June 5, 2014 were approved upon motion of Commissioner Hermann, seconded by Commissioner Stupp.

During an opportunity for public comment none was offered at the time.

Assistant Fire Chief Johnson reviewed the June and July monthly reports commenting on a high rise fire in Clayton in which Ladue Fire Department assisted and updated the Board on the status of construction of Ladue Fire Station No. 2. Commissioner Stupp asked Assistant Fire Chief Johnson to communicate with Ladue residents regarding golf cart charging and the problem of units emitting carbon monoxide due to the fact that older units may not shut off when the cart is fully charged. Assistant Fire Chief Johnson agreed to do this and try to help residents understand under what circumstances a charger may not be operating properly.

Police Chief Wooten reviewed the monthly UCRs noting that crime is overall down 20% especially a result of a reduction in burglaries. He then reviewed the reasons for updating the police shoulder patch to specifically identify officers as Ladue policemen, with which the Commission agreed unanimously. He also updated the Commission on the drug drop off program which permits unused and outdated drugs to be properly disposed of with a receptacle in the lobby of the police station. A September event at a local pharmacy will also enhance public awareness of the program.

Police Chief Wooten then updated implementation of the Code Red Community Wide Notification System indicating that initial tests had been unsuccessful and they will continue to work both to make sure that the system will operate properly and encourage residents to enroll in the program.

He also updated the Board on the renovation of the communications center in conjunction with St. Louis County ECC funds.

At 4:45 p.m. the Board upon motions of Commissioner Hermann, seconded by Commissioner Stupp and with the unanimous approval of the Board voted to close the meeting pursuant to R.S.Mo. 610.021 (1) and (3) to discuss a personnel matter. On unanimous vote of the Board, the meeting was re-opened at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Stupp asked Police Chief Wooten for an update on the recent robbery at Schnucks and Chief Wooten also described the deployment of Ladue Police Department personnel in the recent unrest in Ferguson.

Commissioner Hermann then moved for adjournment, seconded by Commissioner Schaperkotter which motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

William Francis, Jr.
Chairman

John D. Schaperkotter
Secretary