

LADUE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2017

Present:

Col. William Francis, Jr., Chairman
Mr. L. Shepley Hermann
Mr. Stephen C. Jones
Mr. John D. Schaperkotter
Mayor Nancy Spewak

Also present were Police Captain Darren McClure, Fire Chief Steve Lynn and Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Johnson.

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

The agenda was approved upon motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Hermann.

Fire Chief Lynn began his report on the construction update for Firehouse No. 1 indicating that completion of the firehouse was still scheduled both on time and within its original budget. Discussion ensued regarding the need to continue to educate the public regarding the arrangement and improvement of the two firehouses and during an opportunity for public comment Mr. Andy Trovillian stressed to the Board his opinion the importance of communicating with the public regarding the firehouse projects.

The minutes of the April 10, 2017 meeting were reviewed and upon motion of Commissioner Hermann, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the minutes were approved.

The Board agreed that review of Chapter 1 of the SOG/SOP Manual would be continued until the June meeting and Chapter 2 of the same manual was circulated also to be reviewed in depth at the June meeting.

In reporting on the recent activities of the Fire Department and its reports, Commissioner Schaperkotter raised the question of whether or not certain activity reports from the Fire Department may contain personal health information not appropriate for circulation within the Commission. Fire Chief Lynn agreed to review the past reports with an eye toward protection of personal health information as well as means by which the periodic reports of Fire Department activity could reflect the full level of activity and the nature of the community contacts and assistance rendered by the Fire Department without disclosure of personal health information. A similar request was made of Police Captain McClure with respect similar requests for review of the inclusion of information in the police reports.

The Fire Chief then circulated a proposed design of a new fire truck and the Board commented on several respects with respect to the design, color and equipping with comments to make sure that both from an actual standpoint as well as a perception that the public understand that any such acquisitions are done under best most favorable terms possible without any unnecessary expense or changes which Fire Chief Lynn agreed to review.

Police Captain McClure then reviewed the annual report and the report for the first part of 2017 which indicated that crime was down in all categories. He indicated that department personnel will be recognized for their prompt response to the recent Ladue shooting incident at the May 15th City Council meeting.

The next meeting was formally set for June 12, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m. upon motion by Commissioner Hermann, seconded by Commissioner Jones.



William Francis Jr.
Chairman



John D. Schaperkötter
Secretary