

City of Sky Valley
Public Safety, Emergency Response, Crisis Management Committee

Thursday, April 17, 2014

10:00 AM

Sky Valley Club, 568 Sky Valley Way – Lakeside Room

MINUTES

Chairman Whatley called the meeting to order.

Committee members present: Whatley, Goodgame, Greene, Lynn, Erbelding, Lee, and Barber.

Staff present: City Manager Lapeyrouse and Police Chief Dills.

Call to Order

Chairman Whatley welcomed everyone in attendance and stated his appreciation for the members accepting the Mayor's committee appointments.

Mayor Goodgame said his goal in creating the committees is to have more input from the community and honest feedback.

Each committee member introduced himself.

NEW BUSINESS

- Appointment of Vice-Chairman

Carl Lynn was nominated as Vice-Chairman. Mayor Goodgame made a motion to close nominations, 2nd Al Lee, unanimously approved.

- Appointment of Secretary (City Clerk)

City Clerk Cantrell was appointed as secretary to all committees. City Manager Lapeyrouse will be taking the minutes of the meeting in the City Clerk's absence.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Slowing Traffic on Sky Valley Way – Speed Tables

There will be increased traffic from marketing efforts. There have already been close calls near the Timeshare parking area and the golf cart crossing on Sky Valley Way. One idea for slowing traffic is speed tables/raised cross walks. We could use crossings similar to those in Clayton but with stone instead of brick. There was discussion of using two raised crossings... one starting downhill before Timeshares and one at the cart crossing at the Club. Other ideas discussed were inverted speed bumps or road cuts, making a 4-way stop at Tahoe and Driver Lane and a 3-way stop at Big Bear, signage, painted crosswalks, police warnings, increased police presence, temporary speed bumps, and a combination of several ideas. City Manager Lapeyrouse was instructed to get more bids on doing the permanent stone speed tables.

- Cell Tower Safety Requirements

A draft ordinance was provided to the City by City Attorney Dickerson. Chairman Whatley stated that the setbacks seem proper. We should make sure that first responders and competitors have access to the tower and that there is an alternate power source.

- Personal Transportation Vehicles

Legislation is changing with regard to personal transportation vehicles. Cities can approve PTVs with certain requirements. Chairman Whatley recommends that the committee look at this issue more in depth before making a recommendation to the Council. PTV lanes, pull-outs, and safety concerns were discussed. Mayor Goodgame stated that other resort areas normally allow these PTVs, and a few are already being used in Sky Valley. Chief Dills stated that there would be have to be an education period to get motorists aware of PTVs (golf carts) being used on the roads. The committee will take a look at a draft ordinance for the next meeting.

- Police Vehicles

The committee reviewed a schedule of police cars. Several years ago, the police officers were given a benefit to drive their vehicles home. Keeping up these old vehicles has become a problem. We just purchased two Fusions last year. Some of the other patrol cars need major repairs. The City could go back to no take home vehicles and give the officers a monetary substitute benefit. Chairman Whatley asked if we would lose people. Chief Dills stated that some feelings had been hurt. Chairman Whatley stated that it is a value to have the officers driving their vehicles home and being on call 24/7. It helped us get good officers, but we don't have the money to fix them. Mayor Goodgame will continue to work with Chief Dills and City Manager Lapeyrouse on an equitable solution.

- Police Coverage & Patrol Areas

Mayor Goodgame stated that certain areas need more police coverage, such as the front entrance and Sky Valley Way. There were concerns with having the police always in one place. We do not want to eliminate patrolling, but incorporate more police presence in those two areas. Pam Greene stated that everyone was happy when the police shack was at the front entrance. Mayor Goodgame agreed that it would be better to have the police station in the valley.

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