

Public Safety Meeting Minutes
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Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairwoman Szukala. Members in attendance were Chair Szukala, Councilman Gonzalez and Councilman Rivera.

Also in attendance were CAL Kiyak, Chief Ahlstrom, Chief Ortolano, Tony Gugino and Gib Snyder.

Prior meeting minutes were approved by Chief Ortolano and seconded by Councilman Gonzalez. (as there was only 1 member of committee there at the beginning of meeting for minutes to be approved)

Chief Ahlstrom went in to great detail about our three fire halls. Szukala asked for a short term goal as well as a long term goal. Chief stressed that the buildings all need a great deal of work, and we should consider talking about a new building to not only house fire dept, but police and court as well. Gonzalez asked about the buildings being on the Historic Registry, and said there should be \$\$ available for repairs. Chief let us know that the funds available are not enough to make it worth registering, as it creates limits on the scope of work that can be done. Gugino also feels that a joint building between departments should be considered. The court rents space from the city and has expressed interest in more space if it becomes available. Sites were discussed for a possible new building. They are as follows

4th street playground area

Masonic Temple site

Marsh Valve site

Greco and Main Street

Niagara Motors

St. Mary's Meadows

All in attendance agreed to continue the conversation, but Szukala still wants to see some short term repairs done to the buildings. She expressed not wanting to see the building deteriorate and need more costly repairs if a new site isn't in the future plans. Kiyak let us know of a new composite type of roof. Tony knew of the product she was referring to, and felt it would not work. We would still need full tear off of existing roof.

Chief Ortolano discussed alcohol on the pier at city sponsored events. There are extra patrols on duty and there have been minimal incidents and feels the department is doing well. There needs to be paperwork filed for waivers with a specific date/time.

The use of city buildings was addressed and a letter was sent to CAC outlining a specific time and day being offered to the group for their meetings. A resolution will be voted on at the May 1, 2012 council meeting to ensure it is done properly. A specific policy is still being discussed. Other safety issues came up about the building and the lack of security,

so a suggestion was made by Chief Ortolano to lock the building at 9:00 P.M. so a check of building could be done every evening. Members in attendance agreed. Chief was advised to start the implementation of this. Rivera still feels we should look into not allowing the use of building by groups as some of what is happening is considered Political. I asked if he would give the limit of time/day a try and he agreed.

Dog control issues were discussed, specifically dog bites. Chief Ortolano informed us during the last dog bite incident, Steve Purol and the police department followed the rules and did everything allowed by NYS Ag and Markets laws. Once a court date is had and the judge rules on a case, it is now a court case, not City Issue. The state law Supersedes any law the city tries to put in place.

Chief also gave us an update on school zones and tickets being issued. Rivera was very happy to see the department step up and take care of violations within the school zone.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:03 A.M.