CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members present: Aaron Young, Lonnie Lai, Sheri Badger, Alan Hart, Bryan Thomas, Ray Dotson, Julio Perez-Tanahashi, and Sam Ross

Public Safety Advisory Board Members absent: Frank Valdez

Councilmember(s) present: No councilmember was present.

Fire Department Staff Present: Assistant Fire Chief Karl Roth.

Staff Present: Chief Bret Farrar and Committee Staff Support Joanna Nichols, Administrative Assistant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alan Hart motioned to approve the August meeting minutes. All ayes; minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linsey Singleton stated that she was still here doing her job.
GUEST SPEAKERS

City Attorney Heidi Wachter gave a brief presentation on PSAC Rights and Responsibilities/Rules and Regulations, to include a brief explanation of Open Public Meeting Act, Public Records Act, Ethics and Parliamentary Procedure. Discussion question and answer ensued.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

There was no City Council Liaison present; Councilmember Marie Barth asked to be excused.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Aaron Young opened the floor for nominations for new Chair and Vice Chair. Alan Hart nominated Bryan Thomas for Chair which was seconded by Aaron Young. Aaron Young nominated Sheri Badger for Vice Chair, which was seconded by Bryan Thomas. There were no other nominations; both nominees accepted their nomination and the nomination portion was closed. Voting commenced; all ayes for both Thomas as Chair and Badger as Vice Chair. Beginning November meeting new Chair and Vice Chair will take over.

Discussion regarding Community Outreach meetings ensued. Julio Perez-Takahashi gave the Tillicum update, Sheri Badger asked about the Oakbrook meetings and was informed they had been cancelled. Sheri also stated that she is working on starting up a CERT Emergency Management group in her Oakbrook area, and is in charge of the training, etc.

Ray Dotson stated that the Sounder trains would begin operations on October 8th and stated you could go online and get more information, as well as a free bus pass. Bryan Thomas stated they would be giving free rides on Saturday, during their Grand Opening Open House celebration, as well.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Assistant Fire Chief Karl Roth discussed that their CAD System had gone down and so they were unable to bring us their numbers for last month.

Assistant Fire Chief Karl Roth stated that there would be a vote on the 16th to decide if WPFR would take over fire services for Steilacoom. Discussion ensued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.
REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

No new reports from Board Members or Staff

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Handout-Crime and Incident/Year End Report (August 2012)
Chief Bret Farrar went over the crime statistics. Discussion ensued.

Chief Bret Farrar stated that the preliminary budget was going to City Council on Monday. Discussion ensued.

Aaron Young asked if WSH grant would continue. Chief Farrar stated that as far as we know right now, yes. Discussion ensued.

Chief Farrar stated that we have 14 of the 15 cameras installed in our police cars right now. Discussion ensued.

Chief Bret Farrar discussed our hiring hopes for the next couple of months and stated that the entire hiring process would now be done in-house.

Chief Bret Farrar stated he had received a letter from the Pierce County Sheriff stating they would no longer be accepting mentally ill people being booked into the jail. Discussion ensued. Bryan Thomas asked if there were any issues that PSAC could tackle as a committee for Chief Farrar. Chief Farrar suggested having someone from the Sheriff’s Department/Jail come to a PSAC meeting and explain the new mentally ill policy. PSAC agreed they liked this idea. Joanna Nichols will work on it.

ADJOURNMENT

Alan Hart motioned to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee

Attest:

Aaron Young, Chair

Joanna Nichols, Secretary