

**PUBLIC SAFETY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2011
1:30 PM
MUNICIPAL PLAZA ROOM B**

Members Present: Councilmember John G. Clamp, *Chair, District 10*
Councilmember Ivy R. Taylor, *District 2*
Councilmember David Medina, Jr., *District 5*
Councilmember Ray Lopez, *District 6*

Members Absent: *None*

Staff Present: Erik Walsh, *Assistant City Manager*; William McManus, *Chief of Police*; Paula Stallcup, *Downtown Operations Director*; Mike Walsh, *Assistant Fire Chief*; Jeff Humphrey, *Deputy Fire Chief*; Kelly Rafferty, *Downtown Operations Assistant Director*; David Newman, *Solid Waste Management Assistant Director*; Marc Castro, *Code Enforcement Assistant Director*; Dennis Rosenberry, *Police Department*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Frank Arredondo, *CPS Energy*; Jerri Ann Jones, *VIA*; Chris Steele, *SAPFFA*

Call to Order

Chairman Clamp called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens to be Heard

Citizens addressed the Committee during corresponding items.

2. Approval of Minutes of the February 23, 2011 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Lopez moved to approve the Minutes of the February 23, 2011 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Review of Private Parking Lots and Booting Regulations

Presented by Paula Stallcup, Downtown Operations Director

Paula Stallcup reported that City Staff met with downtown parking operators and a representative from Bootman, Inc., a booting company. She stated that the parking operators indicated a willingness to voluntarily comply with the City's request for more stringent regulations to deter potential fraudulent parking/booting practices. She recommended communicating the proposed regulations to local parking operators, and allowing stakeholders 60 days to implement the changes. She noted that staff would revisit the issue in six months to determine if voluntary compliance was still occurring and whether additional amended regulations were needed.

Chairman Clamp asked of codification of the proposed regulations without creating an ordinance. Ms. Stallcup responded that the minutes from the Committee and a letter from the City to the stakeholders would suffice. Erik Walsh recommended the following as an alternative: 1) Allow stakeholders 60 days for implementation of changes; 2) Revisit in two months to determine compliance; and 3) Based on compliance findings, inform stakeholders that the City would proceed with an ordinance and fees impacting their licenses. In response to Chairman Clamp, Ms. Stallcup stated that all requests for parking lots could be flagged at Development Services and that the proposed parking/booting regulations could be included in those guidelines. Chairman Clamp asked of the charge to remove a boot in parking garages. Ms. Stallcup replied that the cost to was \$100. It was noted that the cost to remove a boot placed by the City was the cost of the outstanding tickets and a fee of \$250 to remove the boot. Mr. Walsh stated that an update would be provided after 60 days.

4. Briefing on Problem Oriented Policing Unit

Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police

Chief McManus reported that the mission of Problem Oriented Policing (P.O.P.) was to identify and remove causes of reoccurring crime and disorder problems harming the community through a combined effort with other City entities. He stated that P.O.P. addressed neighborhood crime by approaching fundamental causes of the problem instead of just the symptoms. He noted that P.O.P. had recently finished a year-long project in coordination with the East Patrol Substation in District 2, resulting in reduced crime in the area and improved quality of life. He added that a Committee of Officers and Professionals throughout the Police Department had been created to review P.O.P. and its relation to San Antonio Fear Free Environment (SAFFE) Officers. He stated that staff would report back to the Public Safety Committee regarding a city-wide strategy pending the results of the SAPD Committee.

Councilmember Lopez asked of the guidelines for P.O.P. staffing and when the expanded program would begin. Mr. Walsh responded that the challenge was a resource issue and would be addressed by City Council.

Chairman Clamp requested that staff explore options to provide updates regarding the Eastside Initiative to the Public Safety Council Committee and City Council. Councilmember Taylor thanked Chief McManus and staff for their work on the Eastside. She acknowledged the desire to measure results and noted that the statistics on the Eastside were evident. She spoke to the importance of sustainability and stated that she looked forward to the SAPD Committee report regarding P.O.P. and SAFFE and their work together.

5. Update on Graffiti Abatement and Illegal Enforcement

Presented by David D. Garza, Code Enforcement Services Director

Marc Castro reported the City's Graffiti Abatement Program had reduced the average response time from 3 to 2 days in FY 2011 (Oct-Feb) compared to 2010. He stated that 10-hour work shifts had been implemented to increase staff availability for graffiti abatement. He detailed the activities of the Code Enforcement Services Department (CEFD) and the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD). A video demonstration was

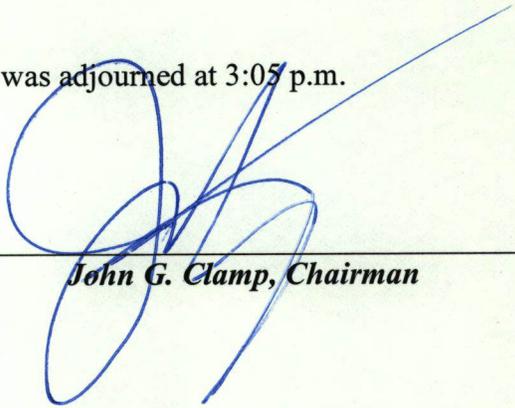
provided where a graffiti suspect was apprehended utilizing SAPD's Camera Surveillance Program. He noted that five (5) CESD Abatement Unit personnel had been transferred to the Park Police Department and that 73 CESD had been assigned to respond to illegal dumping calls. He added that the Solid Waste Management Department had provided a dedicated proactive brush collection crew.

6. Consideration of items for future meetings

- ✓ Horse-Drawn Carriages
- ✓ Alarm Permit RFP
- ✓ Panhandlers

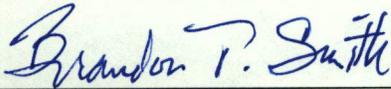
7. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.



John G. Clamp, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,



*Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk*