

## Lakeview Crime Prevention District Meeting

August 27, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: N/A Via Zoom due to COVID-19

Freddy Yoder called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m., and roll was called. In addition to Freddy Yoder, in attendance were commissioners, Ann LeBlanc, Val Cupit, Reid Raymond, Brian Anderson, Nancy Lytle, Jeb Bruneau, Melissa Lessell, Graham Ryan, and Chris Beacher. Also present were board accountant Larry Jacobi, board attorney Richard Bordelon and LCPD Commander Sgt. Benjamin.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Melissa moved to approve the June 25, 2020 minutes, Val seconded, and the motion carried.

### **Crime Report:**

- Camera status/vehicle update

Five blue light cameras are on order. Real Time Crime Center slightly behind schedule but assembly is near complete. Sgt. Benjamin believes it will be completed within 60 days.

Sgt. Benjamin gave fleet information. They have 8 vehicles, including 6 SUV's, 1 car, and 1 truck. Two have greater than 100K miles, 3 are approaching 90K miles and 1 needs minor repairs. He does not think the fleet needs a new vehicle. However, he would like to replace his vehicle which was totaled in an accident. Chevy Tahoe is no longer under contract with the City, so the options are Expedition or Explorer, which is cheaper. He said an Explorer would be sufficient. Ann moved to authorize him to buy an Explorer and Melissa seconded and all were in favor. He would communicate with Charlie Tanner the next day.

- Crime Report

Sgt. Benjamin presented the crime report. Thirteen-year-old child shot on 4/14 succumbed to his injuries in an incident that has been classified now as an unclassified death. There has been an arrest, Nolan Casson, age 29 who has been charged with obstruction of justice by FBI. He allegedly removed the gun before police arrived.

From August 1-25, there have been 168 UCR crimes in the 3<sup>rd</sup> district and 26 in LV. The only persons crime was an alleged simple rape which is being investigated by SVU. Of the 25 property crimes, there were 2 burglaries, 10 auto burglaries, 3 auto thefts, 2 shopliftings and 8 thefts. Sgt. Benjamin provided details on some of the crimes.

YTD, there have been 179 UCR crimes in LV, compared to 199 last year at the same time representing a 10% decrease. Of the 179 crimes, 6 were persons crimes which have a 67%

clearance rate. The response time of LCPD officers has averaged 5.32 seconds. LCPD has been first on scene for 64% of priority calls.

### **Financial Report**

Larry reported that we have approximately \$185K more in cash this year compared to last. We have a 99% collection rate of parcel fees in 2020. We are on target to make 2020 budget including patrols which are \$233K. All items in budget with exception of IT do not need a variance. We expected IT would need one.

He presented the 2021 budget which will be need to be approved at next meeting.

There was issue with the City which was failing to collect correct amounts due the officers because of a pay raise that was passed. This has impacted 4 payroll periods and totaled \$140K. Larry and Richard are going to work with the city to verify the apparent discrepancy caused by this error.

Discussion turned to the cost in having our own police force/officers and whether during negotiations with the City, we should have a Plan B to the current arrangement. Freddy suggested we have another board meeting to discuss how to approach the City in these negotiations.

### **There were no questions from the public.**

### **Crime Camera Report-Reid**

Reid moved to approve the minutes of the tech committee meeting that was held July 23. Val seconded, and the motion carried. Reid said the committee's proposed budget for 2021 is \$54,811. This includes \$7,344 for Phase 1 cameras, \$4500 for cloud fees for Phase 2, \$627 for Amazon web services, \$240 for email and text alert service, \$20,000 for ALPR License Plate reader, \$11,000 for Phase 3 program, \$5,100 for IT junior developer and \$4,500 for developer. On the actual proposed budget, \$36K is allocated for IT equipment and \$12K for IT consultant.

Freddy asked if ordinance by Councilmember Williams that would amend the City of New Orleans code to create regulations pertaining to the City's use of surveillance technology would jeopardize LCPD's integration with the RTC center. Reid said our system was independent and could still operate but we would need a system operator and the cameras/system could be put on private property. There was discussion about having information on the cloud and what potential liability would be involved. Larry was going to call Eustis to see what coverage we may want/need.

He will be starting on Phase 2. The certificate of insurance will add worker's compensation coverage for the installer.

Reid mentioned that Chris Beacher had joined the technology committee.

Brian and Keith Ziblich from Lake Vista's crime prevention district discussed the ordinance. Brian and Keith will go back to the city with questions of how the ordinance will impact security districts, and current camera programs, cost to security districts and city.

### **Old Business**

Newsletter and Block Captain program were deferred. Webservice will be switched from Larry's credit card to ACH in 2 months.

### **New Business/next meeting**

There will be an emergency meeting to discuss city negotiations. We need to be mindful of deadline of 9/30:

1. Resolution for \$150
2. Budget
3. Recent coy of legislation

Variances are due January 30, 2021.

Graham moved to adjourn, Melissa seconded and the motion carried.