

CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 10, 2011
Amended

The Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met at 4:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building Conference Room on the 10th day of February, 2011, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT: Members Don Allen, Keith Allen, W.E. Duff,
George Henderson, Emily Meazell and Mary Sue Schnell

ABSENT: Malaka Elyzagi, Don Holyfield and David Wilson

COMMITTEE LIAISONS: Dana Cramer, IAFF (present)
Joel Formby, FOP (absent)
Brandon Brooks, OU (present)

STAFF PRESENT: James Fullingim, Fire Chief
Phil Cotten, Police Chief
Lieutenant David Tuescher, Police Department
Major Kent Ritche, Police Department
Suzanne Krohmer, Finance Department
Kathryn Walker, Legal Department

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Schnell.

Item 2, being:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2011, MEETING.

Member Henderson moved that the agenda of the February 10, 2011, meeting be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Meazell;

Items submitted for the record

1. Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee February 10, 2011, meeting agenda

and the question being upon approving the agenda of the February 10, 2011, meeting, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Don Allen, Keith Allen, W.E. Duff,
George Henderson, Emily Meazell and Mary Sue Schnell

NAYES: None

Vice Chair Schnell declared the motion carried and the agenda of the February 10, 2011, meeting was approved.

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Item 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2011.

Member Henderson moved that the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of January 13, 2011, be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Meazell;

Items submitted for the record

1. Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee January 13, 2011, minutes

and the question being upon approving the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of January 13, 2011, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Don Allen, Keith Allen, W.E. Duff,
George Henderson, Emily Meazell and Mary
Sue Schnell

NAYES: None

Vice Chair Schnell declared the motion carried and the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of January 13, 2011, were approved.

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Item 4, being:

MONTHLY UPDATES.

Finance Report

Suzanne Krohmer, Finance Department, discussed the January financial reports. Ms. Krohmer noted one large expenditure for 5 Police vehicles occurred in January.

Fire Department Report

Chief Fullingim discussed the delays associated with the inclement weather affecting construction of Fire Station No. 8. Anticipated completion date is now May 1, 2011.

Police Department Report

Lt. Teuscher reported that COP hours for January of 2010 were 171 and for January of 2011 were 210. A breakdown of the numbers indicates that 135 hours were spent on partnerships, 63 hours on problem solving and 9 hours on public safety education.

Member Allen asked if the Police Department could investigate a better way to quantify COP hours.

Lt. Teuscher responded that COP was a philosophy and it was difficult to quantify a philosophy. Not everything that is Community Policing can be quantified.

Lt. Teuscher reported that over 20 volunteers had expressed interest in becoming TEAM trained.

Lt. Teuscher reported that the current members of the Academy had a meeting with OU Student Affairs and that went well. he reported that the "Adopt a Cop" program with the OU Police Department was working well. He also reported that the Police Department will be holding a Citizen's Police Academy.

Item 5, being:

DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION TO NORMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TEAM PROGRAM.

Vice Chair Schnell recommended that this item be deferred to the next meeting since the member who requested this discussion was not present. The Committee agreed. This item will be placed on the March 10, 2011 agenda.

Item 6, being:

DISCUSSION OF CITIZEN'S PROGRAMS TO REACH OUT TO OU STUDENTS.

Member Brooks reported that he and Lt. Teuscher were looking at ways to connect with the International students at OU. They are also planning another meeting with incoming students similar to the "Campus Night Out" that was held in the fall.

Item 7, being:

DISCUSSION OF LAND ACQUISITION FOR THE NEXT TWO FIRE STATIONS.

Chief Fullingim distributed a map showing the potential growth of Norman's population and locations for future fire stations. The areas of 12th and Tecumseh NE and 36th and Hwy 9 have potential to show need for additional fire stations.

Member Duff asked if the Committee could send a recommendation to Council stating that if there were extra funds in the Public Safety Sales Tax collections, that those funds be used to purchase land now for the next potential 2 new fire stations. Member Duff asked if this item could be placed on the March 10, 2011 agenda for discussion.

Item 8, being:

DISCUSSION OF CITIZEN'S PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT 2010 ANNUAL REPORT.

Member Mezell moved that the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee Annual Report 2010 be amended with the wording "Given projected trends in population growth, the Committee recommends consideration of acquiring sites for two additional fire stations" be added to the Looking Forward to 2011 section, which motion was duly seconded by Member Duff;

Items submitted for the record

2. Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee Annual Report 2010

and the question being upon amending the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee Annual Report 2010, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:

Members Don Allen, Keith Allen, W.E. Duff, George Henderson, Emily Mezell and Mary Sue Schnell

NAYES:

None

Vice Chair Schnell declared the motion carried and the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee Annual Report 2010 was amended.

Member Henderson moved that the amended Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee Annual Report 2010 be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Duff;

Items submitted for the record

3. Amended Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee Annual Report 2010

and the question being upon approving the amended Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee Annual Report 2010, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:

Members Don Allen, Keith Allen, W.E. Duff, George Henderson, Emily Meazell and Mary Sue Schnell

NAYES:

None

Vice Chair Schnell declared the motion carried and the amended Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee Annual Report 2010 was approved as amended and will be forwarded to City Council for their consideration at the February 22nd meeting.

Item 9, being:

ESTABLISH TOPICS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

Topics identified for the next agenda. Meeting to be held February 10, 2011

- Discussion of forwarding a resolution supporting the TEAM program to NPS
- Discussion of forwarding a resolution to Council recommending purchasing sites for potential fire stations

Item 10, being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION.

Member Henderson requested that some members of the last Academy come to the next meeting and relate their personal experiences regarding how the academy training has prepared them for their daily job.

It was also suggested that we ask the Norman Transcript to attend the meeting for positive feedback to the community regarding COP.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.