



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 12, 2014**

The Public Safety Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, September 12, 2014 at the Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas.

Chair Kim Rossmo, called the Board Meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

Board Members in Attendance:

Kim Rossmo
Mike Levy
Reynaldo Moreno
Kent Anschutz
Rebecca Webber

Board Members not in Attendance:

Sam Holt
Michael Lauderdale

1. Approval of Minutes

- The minutes for the regular meeting on 08/04/14 were approved on Commissioner Moreno's motion, Commissioner Anschutz's second and a 5-0 unanimous vote.

2. Citizen Communications

- **Mr. Richard Boland** – Spoke about the Tyler Caraway Shooting.
- **Mr. David King** – Sought clarification about Agenda Item 3a.
- **Mr. Brad Houston** – Spoke about being a victim of burglary and advocated for additional resources for the APD Robbery Unit.

3. Discussion and Possible Action Items

a. 2014 South by Southwest (SXSW) Report and Special Events Resource Demands and Costs

- Bill Manno presented proposed changes to the Special Events Ordinance and addressed Commission questions about the notification process, high capacity event venues, the tier system, the special event ordinance internal stakeholder process, and the makeup of the ACE team.

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- Chief Evans and Chief Brietzke of the Austin Fire Department, Chief Manley of the Austin Police Department and Chief Shamard of the Emergency Medical Services Department spoke about departmental funding and staffing models, challenges and benefits associated with special events.
 - **Mr. Bill Piner of Ballet Austin** – Voiced concerns about some aspects of the proposed Special Events Ordinance.
 - **Mr. David King of the Zilker Neighborhood** – Spoke about concerns regarding the impact of special events on neighborhoods.
 - **Mr. Michael Whellen and Laurie Velasco** – Voiced concerns about some aspects of the proposed Special Events Ordinance and the special event authority and decision making process.
 - **Ms. Ingrid Wegard of the Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association** – Voiced concerns about the lack of specificity in the proposed Special Event Ordinance, particularly how impacted areas are determined.
- b. Building Point Towers in Downtown Austin – International Fire Code Discussion**
- AFD Chief Engineer Carl Wren, Austin Firefighters Association President Bob Nicks and Vice-Chair Levy discussed point tower construction, specific scissor stairwell designs. Mr. Carl Wren assured the Commission that the City would not approve a design that does not meet or exceed the minimum building standards. He further addressed the safety associated with various types of scissor stairwell designs and reiterated that the City would never approve a design that compromised the safety of residents. Chair Rossmo recommended continuing the discussion privately because of the sensitive nature of building design details. Vice-Chair Levy asked for a final report once a decision had been reached.
- c. ARIC Update**
- The Commission agreed to hear this item after the ARIC Committee meet in October, but offered to hear the speakers signed up on the item.
 - **Mr. John Bush of Texans for Accountable Government** – Voiced concerns about ARIC and APD.
 - **Ms. Kate Bleish** - Voiced concerns about ARIC and APD.
 - **Mr. Justin Arman of Texans for Accountable Government** - Voiced concerns about ARIC and APD.
 - **Ms. Heather Fazio** - Voiced concerns about ARIC and APD.
- d. Body Camera Update**
- Chief Manley of the Austin Police Department briefed the Commission on past and current body camera research and testing efforts.
- e. Distracted Driving Final Update**

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- Chief Manley of the Austin Police Department updated the Commission on the Council-approved Distracted Driving Ordinance including planning for community education.

f. 911 Report Status

- Chief Manley of the Austin Police Department announced that the 911 Report has been finalized and offered to have APD staff at the October meeting to present on the matter.

4. Discussion Regarding Potential Future Agenda Items

- Presentation by Deena Estrada of the City Clerk’s Office regarding Public Information Requests

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Webber, seconded by Vice-Chair Levy. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.