



Local Public Safety Coordinating Council Executive Committee

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

**Multnomah Building - Room 315
501 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd.**

**Introductions, Announcements & Approval
of the April 6, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Chair Judy Shiprack

10 minutes

Rosewood Initiative / Project 162

*Sgt. John Scruggs, Sgt. Marvin Madtson
& Thompson Morrison*

30 minutes

Domestic Violence Special Report

Steve March & Shea Marshman

20 minutes

Review and Approval of Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan

Judge Nan Waller & Dave Koch

20 minutes

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010



LPSCC

Executive Committee Meeting

Summary Minutes for May 4, 2010

I. Introductions, Announcements, and Approval of Minutes

LPSCC Executive Committee

Members In Attendance

LPSCC co-Chair Judy Shiprack,
Multnomah County Commissioner,
District #3
Brian Martinek for Chief Rosie Sizer,
Portland Police
Dan Swift for Jason Bledsoe, Oregon
State Police
Drew Brosh for Dan Staton, Multnomah
County Sheriff
Chief Scott Anderson, Troutdale Police
Lane Borg, Director, Metropolitan Public
Defenders
Karl Brimmer, Director, County Mental
Health Services
Joanne Fuller, Director, Department of
County Human Services
Dwight Holton, Acting U. S. Attorney
Chief Ken Johnson, Fairview Police
Chief Craig Junginger, Gresham Police
Diane McKeel, Multnomah County
Commissioner, District #4
Chiquita Rollins, Domestic Violence
Coordinator
Michael Schrunck, District Attorney
Scott Taylor, Director, Department of
Community Justice
Judge Nan Waller, Chief Family Court
Judge

LPSCC Staff

Peter Ozanne, Executive Director
Elizabeth Davies, Public Safety System
Analyst
Tom Bode, Intern

Other Attendees

Joslyn Baker, CSEC - Collaboration
Specialist, DCJ
Jann Brown, DCJ
Shannon Callahan, Commissioner
Saltzman's Office
Nancy Cozine, Oregon Judicial
Department
Sharon Darcy, Pathfinders Oregon
Sean Files, Commissioner McKeel's
Office
Jay Heidenrich, MCSO
Barry Jennings, Oregon Judicial
Department
Tim Kochanski, PSU Systems Science
Matthew Lashua, Commissioner
Shiprack's Office
Beckie Lee, Commissioner Kafoury's
Office
Bobbi Luna, MCSO
Steve March, County Auditor's Office
Shea Marshman, County Auditor's Office
Gail McKeel, County IT
Elise Nicholson, County IT
Andrew, Olsen, Multnomah County
District 4
Christine Pedersen, Oregon Judicial
Department
Ryan Pelkey, PSU Systems Science
Peter Pincetl, ROAR Alliance
Monte Reiser, MCSO
Charlene Rhyne, DCJ
Kathy Sevos, Volunteers of America
Kathleen Treb, DCJ

Council members approved the April 6, 2010 minutes.

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II. Rosewood Initiative / Project 162

Materials: Powerpoint slideshow, available upon request.

Sgt. John Scruggs of the Portland Police, Sgt. Marvin Madtson of the Gresham Police, and Thompson Morrison, a software developer, presented an innovative approach to crime control in the Rosewood neighborhood (the name is a combination of “Rose City” and “Rockwood”) located between east 157th and 165th and NE Holiday to SE Alder.

The presenters began by describing the challenges faced by the Rosewood neighborhood, which include:

- A Max station that bisects the neighborhood and allows individuals engaged in criminal activity to easily enter and exit the community;
- Elevated gang activity;
- Low income and infill housing;
- A methadone clinic;
- Unclear jurisdictional boundaries between Portland and Gresham;
- A lack of community and cultural identity; and
- Growing distrust of police officers.

These problems had coalesced to produce a “hotbed of criminal activity” that did not respond to traditional methods used by police in high crime areas; such tactics as unified missions, zero tolerance, and a “cops on dots” approach typically result in short term reductions in crime but do not produce a long term resolution to the problems in the area. Sergeants Scruggs and Madtson also recognized that several of the problems listed above could be summarized as a general lack of community cohesion, which had resulted in citizens who did not feel a sense of shared ownership over problems and who could not activate informal networks to address and solve problems before those problems required police intervention.

Sergeants Scruggs and Madtson discussed their agencies’ commitment to tackle the crime problem in Rosewood through an alternative approach that attempts to “build a community through partnerships” between businesses, citizens, and government. The sergeants walked through the community, held meetings, and introduced themselves to community members, business owners, and landlords in an effort to develop rapport with the community. As the relationship between police and community became more trusting and informal, the sergeants became more aware of the day-to-day problems impacting the community and were able to address those problems early in the process.

Three software innovations also helped this community-building process. (1) A real-time mass texting platform allowed the police to communicate with members of the community in real time. As a result, the police were able to better respond to incidents, gather information about crime, and warn residents of criminal activity as it happened. (2) The project also included the development of a website called “Portland Connects,” which allowed community members to participate in on-going, real time discussions of the opportunities and challenges faced by the Rosewood area. (3) Finally, an interactive feedback program was developed that allows police to listen to the opinions of community members and to better respond to their needs and concerns.

Questions, comments or suggestions?

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The sergeants have received a positive response from business owners and landlords as well as community residents; landlords are especially interested in developing a sense of community in the area as it increases the value of their rental property. In addition to a positive reception, the innovative strategies are showing a reduction in reported crime. Comparing to the first quarter of 2009, the same period in 2010 showed an 18% reduction in calls for service, as compared with a 3% reduction in the East Precinct. This reduction in calls for service has reduced the demand for police services in the area, which will save money in the short-term and long-term.

Future crime-reduction strategies in the Rosewood area will likely include playing classical music at the MAX station; founding a non-profit “Rosewood Café” modeled after the Mt. Tabor Café, to serve as a community gathering area; and locating a Portland Police Contact Office in the area.

Following the presentation, Judge Nan Waller suggested that the sergeants also begin to monitor changes in DHS service calls to the area. LPSCC Co-Chair Judy Shiprack and Commissioner Diane McKeel expressed their support for the program.

III. Domestic Violence Special Report

Materials: none

County Auditor Steve March and Public Safety Auditor Shea Marshman presented their office’s plan for a “Special Report” on Domestic Violence in Multnomah County. The project seeks to transcend traditional jurisdictional boundaries in order to identify the gaps, impediments, and potential solutions to domestic violence within the area.

Peter Ozanne asked how broadly domestic violence will be defined. March responded that his office will look “very broadly” at the issue, such as examining instances of emotional and psychological injury that are noticed by health care providers before coming to the formal attention of law enforcement. March conceded that finding treatment providers outside of the public safety arena will be difficult but crucial to the report. The Auditor’s Office plans to arrange appointments with public safety leaders in the coming months to discuss this report in greater detail.

IV. Review and Approval of Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan

Materials: Handout “JCP Strategic Plan: Top Priority Strategies and Activities”; available upon request.

Judge Waller introduced the Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan, which will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners following LPSCC’s review and approval. The statutorily-required plan helps guide the spending of the approximately \$1 million that the county receives every two years for juvenile crime prevention.

There was considerable community and stakeholder input during the process of creating the plan: JCP coordinators convened two sessions to solicit community input which was combined with feedback from youth and families involved in the juvenile justice system to

develop a list of community issues, gaps, barriers and potential solutions relating to juvenile justice. Judge Waller praised the level and quality of this community participation. Additionally, stakeholder feedback was solicited with help from Peter Ozanne. Over the course of several months, the Juvenile Justice Council created a list of “Systemic Improvements” and the actions that should be taken to ameliorate those problem areas.

The Juvenile Justice Plan document is in excess of 50 pages. Referring to the handout, Rob Halverson discussed the Systemic Improvements and the Proposed Activities that were given the highest priority by the Juvenile Justice Council. Systemic Improvements discussed included implementing an evidence-based case management system as well as more intersystem tasks that the Department of Community Justice cannot do alone, such as developing an action plan to improve outcomes for African-American and Latino youth in the justice system and at risk for entering the system. Another topic area given high priority was the geographical distribution of services to youth, which is currently outdated by about 20 years – for example, the David Douglas area has many youths who are at risk and very few service providers. Some recommendations lack a clear path to completion, such as increasing detention alternatives, which will require additional funding currently unidentified.

The plan calls for a review of Measure 11 youth - Judge Waller expressed her desire to reconvene the Measure 11 group to talk about release criteria for juveniles. Juveniles in detention for Measure 11 charges use a significant amount of the Juvenile Detention Center. She also mentioned that the Governor will host a Juvenile Justice Summit this November. The summit will focus on examining the continuum of services in the juvenile justice system and how they can be improved. Workgroups are being formed currently that need members from law enforcement, prosecution and defense attorneys, and other participants in the system. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Amanda Lowe-Davies at Amanda.LoweDavies@oya.state.or.us.

The plan emphasizes increasing collaboration with schools to develop consistent discipline policies aimed at correcting racial and ethnic disparity in school discipline. Many of the juveniles who come into the Juvenile Justice Program are not in school, which drives the effort to expand suspension alternatives for youth. Peter Ozanne announced that there is a Restorative Justice Community Forum on Monday, May 10 at the Parkrose School District Boardroom. The forum includes a keynote by Thalia González, Assistant Professor at Occidental College and national expert on restorative justice, and a panel discussion with local proponents of restorative justice.

Community feedback revealed a desire for the Department of Community Justice to listen more to the community and take advantage of what it has to offer. Community members expressed frustration at the apparent belief that Juvenile Justice Programs could be administered without input from the communities and the parents. Additionally, there was a lot of interest in programs to help families navigate the existing juvenile-justice-related resources. The plan seeks to provide that guidance in a culturally responsive manner. Judge Waller emphasized that providing families with the skills that they need to better manage children prevents youth from entering the juvenile justice system and provides support when youth exit the system and return home. This family support is the most effective way to reduce juvenile crime.

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The plan also strives for better outcomes for youth of color through training and education around racism and implicit bias and through accountability measures to ensure that partners and are acting in the way that they have been trained. This accountability piece will be managed through the Department of Human Services. Judge Waller commented that there is an effort to reduce the number of children in the foster care system and to ameliorate racial overrepresentation in that system, because of the significant transfer of youth from the dependency system to the correction system. Multiple departments are working on tracking “crossover kids” who move between foster care, the courts, and the correction system, and often suffer in the transitions between systems.

Joanne Fuller appreciated Juvenile Justice’s commitment to working with communities and families to accomplish the goals outlined in the document. She recommended that when presenting to the County Commissioners, this commitment to empowerment and community be emphasized. She moved to approve the plan and Scott Taylor seconded. It passed and was approved by LPSCC.

NEXT MEETING June 1, 2010