



**City of Cedar Rapids  
Public Safety and Youth Services Committee Minutes  
Police Department Community Room, 505 1<sup>st</sup> Street SW  
Monday, July 11, 2016  
4:00 p.m.**

Meeting was brought to order by Committee Chairperson Susie Weinacht at 4:01 p.m.

Present: Council members Susie Weinacht and Scott Overland, Police Chief Wayne Jerman, Building Services - Duncan McCallum Area Ambulance Services Executive Director Keith Rippy, and Amanda Grieder with SAFE-CR.

The June 13, 2016, Public Safety and Youth Services Committee minutes were approved.

**Building Services Report – Duncan McCallum**

Building Services has been very busy. Duncan recalculated the numbers since the monthly report was run and the numbers changed significantly and are now even with last year at this time and will be up overall this year. There are a lot of larger (higher dollar amount) projects going on in Cedar Rapids right now. The Building Services report is attached.

**Area Ambulance Report – Keith Rippy**

Rippy reviewed the Key Performance Indicators and Special Events Summary for 2014-2015 and June is the end of the fiscal year for Area Ambulance (attached). AA had 18,796 calls for service last fiscal year which is equivalent to 51.4 calls per day. 11,557 of those calls for service were emergency transports. 2014-2015 fiscal year resulted in 402 more calls, 266 emergency calls and 417 more transports than the previous year. AA provided \$86,557.50 total standby services (in kind), and \$52,219.90 total financial assistance during the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Rippy reviewed Area Ambulance's participation in Freedom Festival events for 2016. One day during festivities Area Ambulance had every vehicle in their fleet out in service. There were a few events such as the balloon glow and the downtown fireworks that an ambulance cannot get into so Area Ambulance staffed medics on their Gator and bicycles for these events. The CRFD also provided personnel to aid AA at some of these events. In total AA provided 126 hours of standby assistance to the Freedom Festival over 7 days which amount to \$15,387 in manpower. Area Ambulance also had 403 calls for service during this timeframe also and did not have any decrease in service to the citizens.

**Youth Services - Shannon Sampson**

Shannon presented pictures and a summary of the four different youth academies (Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade; and 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade) held at the CRPD. These academies were two days each. There were a total of 64 children who attended these academies. The CRPD recruited children for these camps by sending the information to the Cedar Rapids Schools and College Community Schools to distribute, on the CRPD Facebook page and through word of mouth.

Next week is the joint police and fire camp called Hero's Safety Camp. This camp is held at the Central Fire Station from 9 a.m. to noon. There are currently 10 children signed up to attend.

#### **SAFE-CR Update – Amanda Grieder**

Amanda presented the SAFE-CR Public Safety update (attached). Since the implementation of Chapter 22A there have been 2,935 founded calls for service which have affected 2,080 properties. Of those, 390 have met the threshold of 22A and have been deemed Nuisance Properties. SAFE-CR has billed out \$41,888.19 for police calls for service and finance has collected \$16,143.94. Building Services and Finance are working on collecting past due fines. Building Services will be checking into what kind of wrap around services can be offered to citizens in need.

There are currently 120 active nuisance properties with 72 being owner occupiers and 47 being rental properties which is somewhat alarming. The owner occupied may not necessarily be occupied. There are currently 270 total in compliance properties.

Chapter 22A has been sent to legal to review a few changes. There is one place in the Chapter that an "and" needs to be changed to "or" and the term "victim of a crime" needed to be defined.

#### **Police Department Report –Chief Wayne Jerman**

Chief Jerman reviewed the Activity Comparison and the Neighborhood Activity Summary comparing 2015 to 2016 (attached). There was a decrease in robberies of 7.69%; however, total violent crimes are up by 11 incidents or 6.51%. Burglary and attempted burglary increased 9.81% which is too much. The CRPD is going to analyze how the offenders gain entry into the premises (unlocked doors, etc.). Burglaries are usually related to drugs and usually occur in a string. The Police Department will focus on prevention and education for the citizens. Theft from motor vehicles decreased 30.46% which is due to the outreach message requesting citizens to lock their cars and removing valuables. Theft of motor vehicles increased 17.48% which analysis shows some of the incidents are due to citizens leaving their keys in their cars. Crimes of opportunity belong to citizens and they need to be vigilant about locking doors, etc. CRPD has noticed an increased level of cooperation from victims and more citizen assists.

Haley Roe started the end of June as CRPD's crime analyst. Shots fired have decreased with only 5 reports in June, 2016 (11 reports in June, 2015).

August 2<sup>nd</sup> is National Night Out and there will be several events going on in Cedar Rapids Neighborhoods that night.

Chief Jerman highlighted several arrests which occurred directly because of citizen assistance for June 2016 (report attached).

#### **Diversity Status Report –LaSheila Yates**

Civil Rights Executive Director LaSheila Yates presented the City Diversity Efforts Update (attached). Director Yates wanted to emphasize that the diversity effort is an ongoing process. The Employee Diversity and Equity Committee and select departments are participating in a career day on October 13, 2016. The Committee will also be communicating what diversity and equity events are going on in the community.

#### **AUGUST AGENDA ITEM FORECAST**

- Approval of July Draft Minutes
- Building Services Report (*Ciabatti*)

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- Cedar Rapids Fire Department Report (*English*)
- Area Ambulance Service Report (*Rippy*)
- Youth Services Report (*Hamblin/Leff*)
- Police SAFE-CR Report (*Grieder*)
- Cedar Rapids Police Department Report (*Jerman*)
- Public Comment (10 min.; 2 min. limit per person)
- September Agenda Forecast Items

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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