



AGENDA

City of Port Angeles Public Safety Advisory Board Meeting

May 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Held Virtually – [Join Here](#)

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - [April 20, 2022](#)
- V. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ OTHER BUSINESS
 1. Welcome newly appointed Port Angeles High School Representative Autumn Hudgins
 2. Discuss Summer Meeting Schedule (June, July, Aug)
- VI. STAFF UPDATES
 1. Police Department Report
 - Independent Investigative Teams
 2. Fire Department Report
- VII. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION
 1. Workplan
- VIII. REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS
 1. Kathleen Graf – History of the Public Safety Volunteer Board
 2. Members may make statements or offer observations about the character or work of the board without having any particular agenda item
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION Workplan

Gayle Brauner

PSAB – 2022 List of topics. Gayle Brauner 3/17/22

Here are some ideas for topics to discuss, to form committees to gain more information, to have speakers/panels present information at either our regular or special meetings, and to make recommendations to City Council if applicable. Perhaps we each need to deduce the rationale for our goals for the items on our lists prior to submission to determine if they are relevant to our Board, and if we as a Board can actually do anything productive in our community on each topic.

- I. Speakers
 - A. Deputy Stacey Kellas, Clallam County Animal Control: duties, training (and how PAPD Officers can be trained), and territory; dealing with dogs off leash and owner responsibilities.
 1. Possible actions by PSAB –
 - a. Committee to determine if a recommendation to find funding for another Officer to be hired with specific duties for civil matters, such as violations, misdemeanors, animal control, patrol in our parks and public spaces is possible.
 - b. Public education to encourage licensing of pets and owner responsibilities.
 - B. Bertha Cooper, Award winning author, Sequim Gazette columnist, Medical Administrative consultant. Awareness about making our community public spaces welcoming and accessible for Senior citizens. 15-20 minutes at a regular PSAB meeting.
- II. Committees to research, find / enlist resources, groups, Law Enforcement, and individuals with knowledge on these topics, and to report findings to PSAB.
 - A. Substance Abuse/addiction related to crime and personal tragedy.
 1. Possible actions by PSAB –
 - a. Sponsor a special meeting for a panel discussion. Enlist members of knowledgeable groups, those in the medical field, Law Enforcement, and individuals with expertise in this field
 - b. Provide print, video and other resources recommended by experts in this field to PSAB members so we may educate ourselves. How is PSAB able to support efforts to understand and remedy this problem?
 - c. PSAB Letter to the Editor or Op Ed to our community.
 - d. Recommend to Council to contact the local/state/national Safeway (on 3rd Street) management/corporation to take charge of and to solve the problems by first hiring their own security officers (with approved enforcement abilities) to work in conjunction with PA/County LE. Safeway also needs to empower local management and support them.
 - e. What else can PSAB do?
 - B. Missing and murdered Indigenous People, especially women, in Clallam County.
 1. Possible actions by PSAB

- a. How do we understand the depth of this problem? How do we work with the State Attorney General's Office to gain knowledge and determine solutions to this problem? Who in our community are the experts?
 - b. Form a committee to investigate this issue. Find speakers to address this problem to PSAB either in a regular meeting or special session.
 - c. What recommendations can PSAB make to our city council in order to make PA safe for indigenous people? Perhaps use some of the same ideas presented in II A above.
- C. Houseless and Homeless people
1. Possible Actions by PSAB - See II A above
 - a. Differentiate between those who suffer personal tragedies (such as not having enough rent or mortgage payment funds thus losing their housing; domestic violence; loss of jobs; medical expenses; loss of family support of a teenager or young adult who may be LGBTQ or other issue; loss of support of one's religious affiliation; those who have substance abuse/addiction issues and/or mental health issues such as those suffered by Veterans of wars, etc.) from those with substance abuse/addiction problems and those who choose to live houseless in a nomadic lifestyle.
 - b. Provide Conestoga or other mini house villages as communities such as have been accomplished in Boise, Walla Walla, Tacoma, Port Townsend, for temporary housing, with strict rules which have been found effective.
 - c. Support Police efforts to enforce laws and ordinances when required.
- III. Fire Department.
- A. Education about financing of the department and what the city is able to afford, and its priorities.
 - B. Supporting the need to hire more personnel, for instance fire fighters, to be added to the budget.
 - C. Be involved in Chief Dubuc's retirement party/celebration (but don't tell him. Oops, too late)

Michael McGuire

PSAB topics

- Visible drug activity in the community
- Panhandling on Lincoln and Front
- Derelict building on Lincoln and Front
- Filling the full-time code enforcement officer positions
- A louder voice from the City Council supporting the PAPD in protecting its taxpaying citizens by being hard on violations of city code
- Speeding through neighborhoods as more and more people move as more and more houses are built further into the West End
- Downtown: cleanliness, sense of safety
- Safeway on Lincoln and 3rd: parking lot, panhandling, open drug deals, litter, derelict vehicles
- Addressing the balance needed to reconcile the consequences of “if you build it they will come” and helping those that want to be helped by having appropriate services (ie: Sequim has less calls, less issues, because they have less services offered, as discussed at our 3/16/22 PSAB meeting)
- PA reputation: is our reputation a factor in our revolving door of new “homeless” faces?
- Park cleanliness, safety, usability
- Public restroom usability, cleanliness, safety (Parks is purchasing new portables, how will we protect these?)
- Old gas station on Lincoln and First
- Behind Veteran’s Park
- Keeping overgrowth trimmed so less attempts at parking/hiding/living in them (ie: Hill St. and Marine Drive, and along Marine Drive)
- Lincoln Park parking lot and Baseball fields/dugouts

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Mary Margolis

Just a few thoughts...

More visible police presence in neighborhoods, speed detection, etc. Just a reminder to the community that basic laws still have to be followed, but also, a message to those wanting to commit serious crimes that the PAPD is actively aware/involved/present.

Also along these lines... what about having a PAPD day where the public can meet police and fire officers and talk about general concerns. More connection with people, neighbor to neighbor. This would not be for an airing of grievances but to answer questions, provide basic information about the role of law enforcement and fire department services

Red light cameras? We have a lot of people running red lights and driving way too fast in neighborhoods. Drivers are constantly going through reds on Front and First Streets.

Traffic island at McDonald's. This is a long time traffic hazard when groups use this area to wave signs. Major distraction for drivers. It's not the best place to advertise car washes or to hold signs about Jesus.

Private businesses allowing non-disabled drivers to use handicapped parking spaces (for example, Lincoln Street Station and Bella Rosa)

Not sure how to address this but to have some understanding between law enforcement and the city council to acknowledge that we have a lot of neighbors that are one paycheck away from homelessness.

The stress of this financial crisis is likely adding to increased domestic issues, drug use, and theft. There is a lot of fear as there are not enough rentals for working families.

There's discussion *always* about low income housing but there is seemingly not an awareness of the issues facing middle income people that are getting left out (they are above income for low income housing and below income for buying a home or can't afford 3x the rent).

Further, the situation is dire for our seniors who have been paying low rents but are now being evicted as landlords want to renovate their homes and rent out at a higher rate or use as vacation rentals.

Safety on waterfront trail and Jesse Webster Park.

