

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, September 27, 2007

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** of the Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado. Meeting held in the Town Hall in said Town of Estes Park on the 27th day of September, 2007.

Committee: Chairman Newsom, Trustees Blackhurst and Eisenlauer
Attending: Chairman Newsom, Trustees Blackhurst and Eisenlauer
Also Attending: Deputy Town Administrator Halburnt, Commander Kufeld, Deputy Clerk Deats
Absent: Chief Dorman and Chief Richardson

Chair Newsom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

None

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

No action items

REPORTS.

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

HALLOWEEN STREET CLOSURE – REQUEST APPROVAL.

The Police Department is requesting the closure of Elkhorn Avenue to vehicular traffic from Spruce Drive to East Riverside Drive during the hours of 5:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. on Halloween, Wednesday, October 31, 2007. Police officers will be stationed on Elkhorn Avenue at the intersections of Spruce Drive and East Riverside Drive throughout the evening to ensure the downtown area is a safe location for Halloween festivities. As in past years, staff has been in contact with CDOT regarding the street closure with no opposition received. The **Committee recommends approval of the closure of Elkhorn Avenue for Halloween activities on October 31, 2007, as outlined above.**

REPORTS.

1. Introduction of Code Enforcement Officer Andrew Hart – Sgt. Pass introduced Andrew Hart, Code Enforcement Officer, who joined the Police Department staff in August. Officer Hart is an 11 year resident of Estes Park with over 20 years experience in emergency services. In addition to code enforcement duties, Officer Hart will be tasked with educating the public through newspaper articles and presentations for community organizations and service clubs. Sgt. Pass stated that code enforcement complaints should be directed to dispatch who will then contact Officer Hart. Statistics related to these matters and the resolution thereof will be tracked and compiled through the dispatch department.
2. Zone Initiative Sombrero Ranch Hunting – Officer Monty Allen stated that the Police Department received complaints from several concerned citizens about hunting on the Sombrero Ranch property. Permitting hunters on the property is a source of revenue for Sombrero Ranch during the fall and winter. The complaints alleged unsafe practices by hunters, hunting out of season,

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consumption of alcohol while hunting, and hunting from the roadway. Officer Allen reported that the Estes Park Police Department was in contact with the Larimer County Sheriff's Department and the Division of Wildlife while investigating these allegations, and stated he was unable to substantiate any wrong-doing. Sombrero Ranch is outside the Estes Park Police Department's jurisdiction, but the department agreed to investigate the complaint in the interest of public safety. The Ranch is implementing new regulations on the property in an attempt to keep hunters further away from public roadways.

3. Update to PTO Community Assessment – Transients – Responding to a request by the Committee for updates on PTO presentations, Officer Allen provided an update to his January 2006 report on Estes Park's transient population. He stated that, for a period of time, the Salvation Army had been assisting with transportation for transients by providing vouchers for taxi rides to Boulder homeless shelters, but that funds for this program have been depleted. He said alternative resources are being explored for transportation such as a bus provided by Crossroads or rides provided by police auxiliary members. Cool weather during the fall and winter in the Estes Valley help to keep the transient population in the area low.
4. Update to PTO Community Assessment – Town's Appearance – In March 2006 Officer Ray Meyer presented his neighborhood portfolio exercise (NPE) on the subject of the Town's appearance, at which time he concluded that code enforcement would be a help in cleaning up the area. He stated that with the addition of the code enforcement officer position, issues such as trash, abandoned vehicles, and inoperable vehicles will be addressed; adding that he and the other Police Officers will be working closely with Code Enforcement Officer Hart.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Chairman Newsom questioned who should be contacted in regard to complaints about vacation homes. Code Enforcement Officer Hart stated that calls should be directed to the Police Department and, if appropriate, the dispatch department will contact him. Chairman Newsom suggested contacting local property management companies to address vacation home issues.

There being no further business, Chairman Newsom adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Cynthia Deats, Deputy Town Clerk