

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, February 28, 2008

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 28th day of February 28, 2008.

Committee: Chairman Newsom, Trustees Blackhurst and Eisenlauer
Attending: All
Also Attending: Town Administrator Halburnt, Deputy Town Administrator Richardson, Chief Kufeld, Chief Dorman and Clerk Williamson
Absent: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Report:

- Estes Valley Victim Advocates:** Mary Mesropian, Executive Director of Estes Valley Victim Advocates, reviewed the annual report for Estes Valley Victim Advocates and reviewed the duties for Victims Advocates staff and volunteers. 2008 marks 20 years of service to the community by the EVVA that began in 1988. EVVA provides advocacy to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, other crimes and trauma. In 2008, 282 men, women and children with 743 total contacts were assisted. In February 2007, the doors to the safehouse opened to serve the first family in need and have housed 27 residents providing 593 bed nights. The operating budget is funded from several organizations and foundations. Future objectives include raising funds for the purchase of a safehouse. EVVA is working with the Town to obtain funding from a Community Development Block Grant for the purchase and have applied for five other grants.
- Zone Initiative – Officer Jeremiah Polucha:** Officer Polucha stated there have been six reported burglaries, thefts or criminal mischief in the past two years at the Estes Park Self Storage. He reviewed the cases stating there were 36 victims, \$226 of property damage and \$11,788 worth of property stolen. Graffiti was found on the seen but could not be linked to the actual crimes. Officer Polucha also searched for the stolen property and contacted Loveland and Fort Collins Police Department to search pawn records and suspected members of the local gang. He has meet with John Ericson, owner of the Estes Park Self Storage to discuss hours of operations, extra checks, gates, access per day, security system/cameras, locks, proactive measures taken, unreported burglaries/thefts, suspects, suspicious behavior/loitering, night or day burglaries, pattern of units targeted, rental procedure, insurance, commitment and a letter to tenants. Possible solutions include video cameras, “dummy” video cameras, post signs, install automatic gates with keypad entry, hire an attendant, require tenants to use high security padlocks, require Colorado ID, address, phone number and references for new tenants, remove cinder blocks and spare lumber from premises, increase extra checks/police patrols, employ a security company to patrol at random times and improve the lighting.

- 3. Code Enforcement Project Information Report:** The Police Department has initiated a code enforcement issue at the 1600 block of Highway 66. The properties include old cars, trucks, inoperable equipment, trash, lumber, building materials, mobile homes etc. This is a violation of the code. Code Enforcement Officer Hart is actively working on the issue and plans to have it resolved within six months. Code Enforcement Officer Hart reviewed the properties and the issues involved. A task force will be used and includes the Police Dept. as lead, Community Development staff, Larimer County Building Dept., Larimer County Code Compliance, Larimer County Sheriff and National Park Service. The task force will meet next Thursday to identify goals, areas of responsibility, discuss resource availability and develop a timeline for the project.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Report:

- 1. 2007 Year End Report:** Chief Dorman provided the Committee with a report summarizing activities of the Estes Park Volunteer Fire Department through December 31, 2007, which included the election of officers, financial information, a recap of training programs, and incident totals for the year categorized by type and location. Blackhurst stated this report will be useful for the Fire District task force. He also suggested that the Fire Department provide the Trustees with a weekly report of incidents similar to the one provided by the Police Dept.

MISCELLANEOUS

Deputy Town Administrator Richardson stated that applications for the Fire District task force will be taken until March 28th with three positions each from the county and the town. The first meeting will be held on April 2nd.

Chief Kufeld reviewed the Police Commander interviewing process and stated Eric Rose was selected to fill the position.

There being no further business, Chairman Newsom adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

Jackie Williamson, Town Clerk