

MASON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKING TEAM
October 15, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Jim Madsen called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m. in the Mason County Commission Chambers, Shelton, WA. An attendance roster was circulated, introductions were made and a quorum was present.

Adoption of Minutes: Harris Haertel/Shelby Conklin moved and seconded to adopt the September 17, 2014 meeting minutes as published.

- ◆ DOC Release reports received for the following:
Justin O. Sawby DOC# 363186 Date of Release 10/16/2014
He will be going to Fresh Start on King Street.

Cmmr. Jeffreys asked how many are currently being housed there.

Laura Cole from DOC answered currently there are seven people housed there although they may request additional beds.

Cmmr. Jeffreys asked who approves this.

Laura answered the County approved it.

Cmmr. Jeffreys stated that she's part of the County and she hasn't been asked to approve anything.

Lt. Les Watson spoke about early release. He said that DOC has assured the Shelton Police Department that they would not fill the house with sex offenders.

Laura Cole explained that the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board (ISRB) overruled her recommendation to deny the two sex offenders that are currently there. She said sometimes they are not early releases but offenders who have reached their max date in prison and need a place to release to.

Judge Sheldon spoke about the ISRB (Indeterminate Sentence Review Board) and CCB (Community Custody Board) offenders who are under the jurisdiction of the ISRB.

Cmmr. Jeffreys said she wants more information on the process of these releases.

Laura Cole asked Cmmr. Jeffreys to call her and she will provide her with additional information.

Mayor Gary Cronce said the number of people in the Fresh Start house could possibly be outside of the renter's code.

Cmmr. Jeffreys asked about plans for another home out on Arcadia Road.

Laura answered she has not heard anything.

Harris asked if someone could come and explain all of this to the committee.

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Les Watson explained that DOC Community Corrections Director Anmarie Alyward came and explained the process a while ago as they were never asked to weigh in. He added DOC apologized for not letting them weigh in initially but added they don't need to.

Shelby Conklin commented that she is concerned about sex offenders being there.

Judge Sheldon said she recalls a daycare being right next to this location.

Laura Cole commented that it's not right next to the house but there is a daycare at the church nearby. She said there are also apartments in the area with a lot of children.

Jim Madsen said that he feels that maybe there needs to be another opportunity to meet with DOC and possibly others to explain all of this better and receive additional information. Jim will call Laura and get the names of people to contact.

- ◆ Mike Evans gave an update on Citizen's Task Force on Public Safety and Criminal Justice. The recommendations from the Task Force are:
 1. Shift an additional one million from Roads Fund to the General Fund for the purpose of criminal justice.
 2. The additional one million dollars is to be used for non-personnel improvements and equipment needs of the criminal justice community.
 3. Create a campaign committee to pursue a voter approved "lid lift" campaign.
 4. Create a campaign to pursue a voter approved County/City Metropolitan Park District that would improve County parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities that would include public and private partnerships.

Mr. Evans added that the main focus was on the jail. They have also discussed the possibility of renting bed space.

Judge Sheldon commented that her recollection is that the one million dollar shift would need to be used in the unincorporated part of the County.

Mike Evans and Undersheriff Barrett commented on levy shifting.

Judge Sheldon said she feels the City got a jump on the County regarding levies.

Cmmr. Jeffreys feels that the vision statement needs to be flushed out. She thinks these meetings would be the venue to discuss needs, etc.

Mike Evans agrees there is room for collaboration.

Jim Madsen agrees with Mike.

◆ Agency/Department Updates

Lt. Les Watson from the Shelton Police Department said that Chief Darren Moody will be sworn in on November 10.

Harris Haertel commented they are looking into Veterans Court.

Laura Cole from DOC Shelton Field Office shared that DOC audit teams are reviewing offender cases regarding criteria for supervision.

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Judge Sheldon commented that DOC offender supervision criteria is very frustrating and concerning. She said the Court makes recommendations that they feel will keep the community safe and then they are not followed by DOC. The Court would like to know up front what DOC will follow through with.

Victoria Meadows would like to thank law enforcement for the efforts during the bomb threat. She said later that night rocks and bricks were thrown through their windows.

Kevin Bell from the State Patrol said they have three new troopers in the area. They are slated for ten troopers and they have 8 now.

Undersheriff Barrett gave the jail population report. The daily average for September was 120. He said that after the new construction is completed, it will give them 144 beds.

Laura Cole shared information about DOC violator facilities.

Mayor Cronce spoke about drug court. He added he is a big supporter.

Jim Madsen said they continue to see dependency cases. He added that detention numbers are more than double this year.

Cmmr. Jeffreys said the County has started the budget workshops. She reiterated that she would like to work together for criminal justice. She wants to do more with less and said the way to do that is by working together.

Future Agenda Topics

There were no future agenda topics.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, November 19, 2014.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Almanzor
Clerk of the Board

