

**MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

ELK GROVE CITY HALL
April 20, 2022

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Bruce Cager, Ann Hennessey, Steven A. Capps
Members Absent: Ted Clark, Karen Grussenmeyer.

Staff: Paul Solomon, Asst. Chief of Police, Elk Grove Police
Dan Quiggle, Deputy Fire Chief, Cosumnes CSD
Jim Ramsey, Risk Analyst/ADA Coordinator

2.0 APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Ted motioned to accept the January 2022 meeting minutes, Steve seconded the motion. Motion passed 4 Ayes.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4.0 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS/POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 SUBJECT: A Community Conversation on Maintaining Local Safety and Essential Quality of Life Services

Dan and Paul introduced themselves and asked for feedback regarding local safety and quality of life services. They stated that Elk Grove and Cosumnes CSD ("District") need responsive and accountable planning, and planning based on community priorities, to help ensure Elk Grove's and the District's long term financial stability. To help with that, they need the community's feedback. Top Priorities from recent surveys are: Reducing crime; addressing homelessness; preventing human and sex trafficking; maintaining 911; police, fire, and emergency disaster response; maintaining streets and parks; enhancing youth crime and gang prevention programs.

Regarding Emergency Med Response, 76% of calls are for medical and 90% of the time responders arrive within 7.5 minutes with the target being 5 minutes. Currently there are inadequate numbers of firefighter paramedics based on national standard. Steve asked if it's a recruitment problem, and Dan said it's primarily a funding problem. Measured by west coast national standard the District is 18 personnel below standard. Bruce asked if station 77 covers the casino area, Dan said it will be the closest to the Casino, but there's a future station 88 planned on Kammerer that'll be closer. Ann asked if there's medical or police calls to the Casino, will City and District handle it. Paul stated that it depends upon what the MOU with the Casino says. He stated most law enforcement issues will be handled by the Casino. Dan said for Fire, the district will be providing fire services.

Paul said property crimes and assaults are up 12.3% and violent crimes up 3.7%. He said property crimes are the most frequent type of crime and that the most frequent type of violent crime is domestic related. EGPD needs to hire 27 staff over next 5 years. They also need to enhance victim services, neighborhood police patrols, teen programs related to crime and gang prevention for at risk youth. Paul said the City does contact domestic crime victims but it's after the fact, and he sees the need to be able to have someone who can actually go out on domestic calls to help the victims at the point of contact. WEAVE is a great partner with many resources

and much experience. Bruce asked about the 27 staff over 5 years and if that simply maintains services or enhances services. Paul said that it's some of both.

Dan talked about parks being clean and safe for all. The district maintains and repairs public restrooms, landscaping, sports fields, and deteriorating children's playgrounds to ensure a safe space to play. These all enhance quality of life.

Paul spoke on streets. There is a \$2mil annual street maintenance shortfall. Many streets are 25+ yrs old. Major enhancement to roads would improve flow and reduce congestion. Increase safety of all drivers, bikers and pedestrians.

Paul spoke on 150+ people experiencing homelessness. Elk Grove needs to increase support services including enhancing programs pairing mental health professionals with officers and emergency medical responders. It's important to keep our parks, neighborhoods, public spaces clean and safe for all. EGPD did a Gift card program that helped keep homeless camps clean. PD has two officers whose role is to help those experiencing homelessness.

Feedback the City has received from surveys says Safe Nighborhoods, fast emergency response, well maintained streets and parks, youth/senior and family programs, economic development and new jobs are all important. They want to hear what the committee thinks and provided a link to a survey.

Steve asked about emergency disaster response and those with access and functional needs. Dan said it's a joint effort between CSD and PD, like cooling and warming centers. The committee reminded Paul about Capt. Rego and Sgt. Jimenez's presentations regarding a county wide program that would let emergency responders know if people need special assistance. Paul said he would check into it and let Jim know. Dan and Paul talked about Community Emergency Response Team CERT.

Paul was able to also discuss the many things PD has done to help train and prepare its officers to interact with those with disabilities, especially those with autism.

5.0 GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

None

6.0 COMMITTEE COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The committee would like to invite Ofc. Chris Cahill and Ofc. Jen McCue to talk about homelessness.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Bruce moved to adjourn at 7:20 pm. Steve seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Karen Grussenmeyer

KAREN GRUSSENMEYER, VICE CHAIR
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

J Ramsey

PREPARED BY:
JIM RAMSEY, RISK ANALYST / ADA COORDINATOR