



Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Dan Smoker
Vice Chair Kerstin Keough
Clark Hammelman
Don MacBrayne
Nate Marsh
Janet Peterson
Carl Smith
Steve Thayer
Mike Wells

Thursday, August 5, 2021

3:00 PM

Castle Rock Municipal Courtroom,
100 Perry St., Castle Rock, CO 80104

This meeting is open to the public. Please note that all times indicated on the agenda are approximate and interested parties are encouraged to be present earlier than the posted time.

The Public Safety Commission meets monthly at the Municipal Courtroom, 100 Perry St., Castle Rock, CO 80104.

Call to Order and Attendance

Ms. Peterson called the meeting to order at 3.00 p.m.

Present 8 - Vice Chair Kerstin Keough, Clark Hammelman, Don MacBrayne, Nate Marsh, Janet Peterson, Carl Smith, Steve Thayer, and Mike Wells

Not Present 1 - Chairperson Dan Smoker

Attendance 3 - Norris Croom, Jack Cauley, and Deborah Stanley

Approval of Meeting Minutes

[PS 2021-025](#) Public Safety Commission meeting minutes - Jul. 1, 2021

Attachments: [PSC Jul. 1, 2021 minutes](#)

Mr. Marsh moved to approve the July 1, 2021 minutes. Mr. Wells seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Yes: 8 - Vice Chair Keough, Hammelman, MacBrayne, Marsh, Peterson, Smith, Thayer, and Wells

Not Present: 1 - Chairperson Smoker

Ballot Initiative Presentation - Town Manager Dave Corliss

[PS 2021-030](#) Ballot Initiative Presentation

Attachments: [bandc-presentation-2021-election \(4\)](#)

- Town Manager, Dave Corliss, gave a presentation on the upcoming potential ballot measures.
 - There will be likely be four separate ballot measures on the November ballot.
 - New home construction tax of \$7 per square foot
 - 0.1% sales tax increase
 - 6% lodging tax
 - 10-year TABOR timeout

- These measures are essential to maintain the Town's margin of excellence.
- The additional revenue would solely be used for -
 - Police
 - Fire protection
 - Emergency medical services
 - Roads and other transportation purposes, including, but not limited to, the Crystal Valley/I-25 interchange.
- The Town explored alternative revenues and funding scenarios. Castle Rock has the lowest property taxes of any full service municipality on the Front Range.
- Voters will be asked to review and vote on each ballot measure independent of the others.
- Brief discussion on growth, TABOR, and potential ramifications if ballot issues do not pass.
- Public Safety Commission members will receive informational packets in the near future.

Fire Department Report

[PS 2021-027](#) CRFD June Report

Attachments: [CRFD June Report](#)

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Fire Department's June report prior to today's meeting.
- The department has two new recruits that have started a 16-week academy with West Metro Fire and one candidate who is completing a lateral academy here with the department.
- The department is now fully staffed with the hiring of a fire prevention officer.
- We are starting to see a rise in COVID cases here in Douglas County. The department is still responding to COVID calls.
- The department re-engaged its community wildfire mitigation contractor, to update the 2017 DRAFT mitigation plan.
 - The vendor should have the final draft, which is over 100 pages, completed by the end of this week.
 - The plan will be seamless and tie into Douglas County's mitigation plan.
 - Once completed, we will work with other Town departments and the Town Manager for adoption and implementation.
 - Public Safety Commission members will be given an opportunity to view the document.
 - Our goal is to have the process completed and approved by the end of the year.
- Comment made that 15 firefighters have left the Aurora Fire Department in the last year. A department's culture is key to retaining staff - Chief Croom.

- Chief Croom was asked about wildfire danger. Although we do have some wildfires here in the state, the east side of the state is doing okay and our fuel moistures, presently, look good. The west side of the state is not in the same position.
- Chief Croom was asked about the status of ketamine. Colorado Public Health has suspended all waivers. The department can only use ketamine for pain management and not sedation.
 - A house bill has been introduced which would restrict law enforcement agencies from receiving any federal grants unless they have a policy in place forbidding the use of ketamine. Expecting the bill to extend over to the fire side as well.

Police Department Report

[PS 2021-029](#) CRPD June Report

Attachments: [CRPD June Report](#)

- Commission members were emailed a copy of the Police Department's June report prior to today's meeting.
- Recent events:
 - National Night Out (August 3), was extremely successful. Over 2,300 people attended.
 - Splash Mob and Dirt Jumps and Donuts events had a good turnout.
- A two-day class on resiliency and forward thinking skills will be held later this month.
 - Several other Front Range agencies will join us for this training; these 30 students will then train additional members in their departments.
 - The trainer is offering this class free of charge.
- The department will host a hiring process this fall. We are looking to over hire by one to re-establish our hiring list.
 - There will be an upcoming sergeant and corporal promotional process.
 - Discussion on department vacancies here in the state and nationally.
 - Chief Cauley was asked if the department prepares its young explorers for future careers in law enforcement. Yes, that is the design of the program.
 - The Youth academies the department hosts, help to recruit members for the Explorer Program.
- Vehicle thefts continue to be an issue on the Front Range. The department's camera technology has proven to be crucial with apprehensions.
- The department is re-evaluating its second therapy dog.
 - Buttercup, the SRO therapy dog and her handler will be returning to the schools. This is the first full school year for

Buttercup.

- Positive comment given on PD's visibility.
 - Two other law enforcement agencies are based here in Castle Rock and help with the law enforcement presence here in town.
 - Question asked about take home cars. It depends on the agency - Chief Cauley.

New Business

N/A

Old Business

N/A

Adjourn

Ms. Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Marsh seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

The next Public Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. This meeting will be hosted by the Police Department.