

**COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
Pine Conference Room
December 14, 2011**

A meeting of the **Council Subcommittee on Public Safety** for the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened by Chairman Ron Aames in open and public session at 8401 West Monroe, Peoria, Arizona, on December 14, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Councilmember Ron Aames, Councilmember Carlo Leone, and Councilmember Joan Evans

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Carl Swenson, City Manager; Roy Minter, Police Chief; Jay Davies, Neighborhood Services Manager; Barbara Benavidez, Executive Assistant; Steve Kemp, City Attorney; and Terri Smith, Council Assistant.

Audience: Approximately three members of the public and staff

NOTE: The order in which items appear in the minutes is not necessarily the order in which they were discussed in the meeting.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Leone and seconded by Councilmember Evans to approve the consent agenda. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 3 to 0.

Minutes:

1C Minutes

Item 1C was approved as part of the consent agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS:

2R PARK RANGER STAFFING STUDY

Chief Minter provided a brief history of the park ranger program including the transition of the staff from Community Services to Police.

Mr. Davies provided background on the existing program including current staffing levels, standard work schedules and the responsibilities of the rangers. He also reported that new parks will come online in 2012 which will increase the number of park facilities to be ranger patrolled by two.

Mr. Davies discussed the possible addition of more rangers, due to the increased number of park facilities. The discussion was about the possible addition of one to three rangers.

Councilmember Leone suggested adding an additional ranger to the budget in each of the next three fiscal year budgets, in order to actually affect a longterm increase in the amount of time rangers can spend in any given park on patrol.

Councilmember Evans suggested inviting local youth-serving agencies to increase their programming in the local parks during the after-school hours so that more organized activity would discourage unsupervised, negative behaviors.

Chairman Aames read aloud a letter from resident Eva Osuna noting her concern about damages she observed at the newly renovated Osuna Park from unsupervised youth. In her letter, Ms. Osuna requests increased ranger patrol at Osuna Park.

This item was informational, and a follow up report will be made to the full council at a future Study Session.

3R Future Agenda Items

Chairman Aames and Chief Minter will meet to discuss agenda items for future subcommittee meetings.

Reports from Staff:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council Subcommittee, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Ron Aames, Chairperson

Terri Smith, Council Assistant