

Advisory Committee on Public Safety (ACOPS)
Paradise Valley Police Department Conference Room
6433 E Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253
Minutes
January 29, 2019

In Attendance:

Mayor Jerry Bien-Willner
Councilmember Julie Pace, Chair
Councilmember, Ellen Andeen
Chief of Police Peter Wingert
Police Office Steven McGhee

Kathye Brown
Mike Cummiskey
Jeff Gaia
Paul Moore (via telephone)
Jay Ozer
Ryan Woody

The ACOPS meeting was called to order by Julie Pace at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at the Paradise Valley Police Department Conference Room. Mayor Bien-Willner thanked everyone for serving on the committee. Jay Ozer made a motion to recommend to the Town Council that the terms of the members be staggered so that the everyone's three year term does not end at the same time. Ryan Woody seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CRO Steven McGhee has done an enormous amount of work planning the Public Safety Fair scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Flyers and event material were handed out to committee members. Steve has made an extensive community outreach to schools and places of worship and expects more than 1,000 people to attend. He has obtained many community partners who have booths and has created a fun and innovative "Special Agent Mission" event to guide people to educational booths. Cotton candy, clowns, special appearances by the likes of the Cardinal mascot, a petting zoo, and a helicopter landing are just a few of the special things planned. It should be a memorable event.

Jeff Gaia was thanked for creating the Photo Enforcement Talking Points Power Point. Thus far there has been no legislation to limit photo enforcement. The Mayor and the Chief gave an update on lobbying efforts. The committee will help when called on to appear with the Mayor and the Chief at the legislature and there will be an outreach to encourage other citizens to support the Town's efforts to retain its photo enforcement and speed reminder signage and program and keep our roads safe.

A motion was made and seconded to add supporting our police officers and volunteers to our goals. Motion passed unanimously. Some support comes from wellness programs, the 100 Club and the newly formed Foundation.

Other topics discussed included "share the road" signage, the various upcoming events and community outreach. Future agenda item added for "dummy or decoy packages" to catch package thieves. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathye Brown