

February 18, 2014
Community Advisory Committee

Members Present - Doug VandeGriend, Terry Schuchert, Greg Leo, Glen Rader, Gary Rychard, Larry Parrish, Terry Witter, Julia Jaure, Herb Colomb, Sylvia Valentine-Garcia, Ken Hector, Cari Fiske-Sessums

Sheriff's Office Staff - Cmdr. Kevin Schultz, Sara Zavala, Sgt. Chris Baldrige

Community Members Present - Carl Hester, Dan Estasio (Terra Gardens), Michael Johnson

1) Welcome - Glen welcomed the group at 6:40 pm. He briefly explained the purpose of the Advisory Committee. He thanked the Church for allowing us to meet here and the people that helped arrange this. Commander Schultz also added that he is excited to have the quarterly meetings rotate around the community of Marion County.

2) Introductions of New Members - In the last recruitment for new members, we really focused on trying to ensure the membership of this committee represented a good portion of Marion County.

Greg Leo lives in Butteville in the north area of the County. He is also on the fire board. He helps run the neighborhood watch in his area. Professionally he has his own business. He works with the City of Donald and supports the Deputy assigned to the Aurora area.

Larry Parrish - this is his first advisory committee work; he is excited to be chosen for this. He lives in the east part of Marion County in the north fork area. There is a golf course and retirement community in his area; there are summer homes as well. The area gets a lot of summertime use; accidents occur every summer. He runs a bed and breakfast. He will also be maintaining communication with the Canyon Weekly publication.

Terry Witter - Terry is a retired military and retired teacher; he is from South / sunny slope area and works in the Gervais area.

Larry Schuchart - representing the Silverton area; he has 20 years of law enforcement experience; has done many types of volunteer work.

Julia Jaure - She is from the NE Salem area; she grew up here too. She works in West Salem; volunteers at Habitat Advisory Board. She has observed some issues from the NE area and has ideas for fixing these.

3) Review Minutes from July 16, 2013 and October 15, 2013, and Confirm Vote for Chair, Vice Chair – Doug moved that the minutes from the email be approved, Ken seconded. All aye. Chair - Glen nominated Chair, Gary as Vice-chair: Doug moved; Ken seconded. All aye.

4) ESSNA Introduction - Doug began with a brief introduction of a neighborhood issue; there was an area behind the WinCo store off Rickey, and the Sheriff's Office and

several other partners helped to clean up and pave the area. There was another project (Santana Park work) that was a big success.

COMMUNITY ISSUE: Doug began explaining a new issue of a "homeless camp" that is operating a theft ring. The Parrish little league has been victimized, as well as other businesses. He opened the issue for discussion. Michael Johnson explained the specific location which is a swampy area off Cordon Rd. There has been mail found. Dan said that this is a right of way (soccer fields - Cascade Futbol Club) and MC Fire. George Moore and PGE own the other two plots of land. Cmdr. Schultz asked about how many people have been living in that area and for how long. Dan explained that as they discover bridges, they have been removing them with the property owner permission. Dan believes that some are still there, but some get arrested in the winter and spend that time in Jail. Dan has stayed on his business property and observed 15 - 25 people. Gary asked if the Fire Department has been experiencing any loss. Dan isn't sure, but has seen holes in the fence. Greg said that in the north area, they had a similar property, which was on State land. It took great effort and was not a quick solution. Dan said the Sheriff's Office has been helpful. Sgt. Baldrige said that he would like to set a meeting with all property owners. Doug wants to see a memorandum developed so that we all have the same strategy and are on the same page. Cmdr. Schultz wants to ensure the non-criminal issues are worked through first; then enforcement action may be an option. There are efforts to be made before we just look to arrest trespassers. This is a seasonal issue, and the camp will build back up around May. Michael said that ESSNA meets with the Board of Commissioners on March 11; yes, this is a bigger issue than just kicking people out. He wants to see some ideas penciled out before that date. He would like a synopsis of the problem and a plan in the works. Department of Agriculture has been in this area because of some of the brush and insect issues. Herb said if the neighborhood has locking mail boxes. Michael said that part of this neighborhood was built in the 50's - 60's when certain requirements (curbs, sidewalks, underground utilities, etc) that can create some issues. Herb said that neighborhood watch programs could also help address this issue. Sylvia said it sounds like the group is working to solve the problem, but it can just push the problem elsewhere. She would like to see more discussion on long term solutions. Cmdr. Schultz said that we certainly want to address the root issues, and there are no easy answers, but we are willing to work on these issues. Doug commented that the area in question is close to kids' recreation areas, businesses, etc. Dan said because of some of the evidence, this camp is long term. Doug said that people in this area want chickens. Doug wants to know the Sheriff's Office stance. Cmdr. said chickens are on the radar. Michael Johnson announced that PGE has acknowledged the graffiti issue raised; reported that if we match paint and finish, they "won't know." Cmdr. thanked ESSNA for their work; Doug said "goes both ways." Doug and Michael will send the maps that they developed to Sara Zavala.

5) Roundtable / Sheriff's Office Update -

Cmdr. Schultz - Thanked Glen. Deputy Shawn Bush has been assigned to the

Community Resource Unit and he is a great addition. 2014 is a significant year for the Marion County Jail; the Jail is turning 25. Media releases will be sent out; some extra events / tours may be planned. Budget - we are in the process of crafting our budget for the next fiscal year; looks like we will be status quo. It appears that property tax has stabilized; in recent years we have seen decreases in our General Fund, so this is hopefully a good sign. Crisis Outreach Response Team - this team works in conjunction with the Health Department to help intervene with mental health crisis issues before consumers cross into the criminal justice system. Psychotropic meds are a huge part of the jail budget. The state has taken notice of this model and we have received an allocation of funding for a second team (mental health worker partnered with a deputy) to handle calls that may involve a mentally ill individual. The group was impressed. Cari asked about the chances for the closed down Jail pod to reopen. Not likely this year. Cari asked about the loss of P&P deputy in Stayton. **Cmdr. Schultz said that he could ask a P&P Lieutenant to respond to her question.** Her concern is about the PO moving from the Stayton area to east Salem. Larry asked if a status quo budget meant no change in personnel; Cmdr. said that with retirements, we will fill those positions, but there won't be new positions added.

Cari - Reports that Stayton is starting a municipal court; Marion County courts are consolidating. Cari said that they are excited for a municipal court. Cari thanked the MCSO Search & Rescue Team for their help in getting office staff and doctors to work during the snow storm.

Gary - Most recently, the town (Sublimity) has been working with the contract deputy. The roads in town are county roads and they have been working to ensure the street signs are consistent. They have a plan to change some of the signs. He thanked MCSO Deputy Barber and Sgt. Sherburn and MC Public Works for their assistance. Cmdr. Schultz added that our Radar Trailers have technology to map vehicle speed, numbers, traffic flows. Gary emphasized the MCSO 3E's - enforcement, education and engineering. Dep. Barber has designed some cards to educate the public on the new speed limit for the roads mentioned. Commented on the issue of medical marijuana; would like a statement from the Sheriff's Office.

Larry Parrish - Larry talked to some of his neighbors to gather concerns. He first commented on the good work of the Sheriff's Office. He likened the approach to the Canadian Mounted Police. The consensus is that there isn't enough of a presence in the area; there seems to be more fear or vulnerability; underage drinking at three pools. Would MCSO consider a more frequent presence in the areas that have reported crimes. Stolen vehicles on Gates hill. What is the response time for a 911 call. Cmdr. briefly outlined the times that there may be increases in staff in the east area of the county. He asked if we have joint effort with forestry department; Cmdr. said yes we do. Cmdr. also mentioned the Neighborhood Watch up in the area; MCSO has visited, and we will get the point of contact.

Terry Witter - Asked about the Cadet program. Cmdr. Schultz suggested that we have Cadets as an agenda item to share more information.

Doug VandeGriend – Nothing to add; passed.

Herb Colomb - He recently sat on a promotional panel for two sergeants for the Jail. Three individuals gave presentations on how they would improve the training program for staff. Any three would have done a fine job. Two were selected. The group appreciated the opportunity to be included in these processes. South Salem neighborhood issues - many snow related issues with kids taking to the roads.

Larry Schuchert - volunteered for any hiring panels.

Greg Leo - commented on the worth of the Citizens Academy. He encouraged anyone to attend; it's well worth it. This is recommend for new members. The ride along is of value too. Dep. Dale Huitt and Bailey are doing a fantastic job in the northern area of the county. The area is looking into an enhanced district with Donald to get all of half of a deputy in the area. The Aurora Fire District design includes space for the Sheriff's Office. Long standing issue with the Oregon State Parks system; thefts and drug use surrounding the state park area. There isn't much use of the exclusion law.

Ken Hector - Silverton is fortunate to have its own PD, municipal justice court and juvenile court. There are people outside the city who bring issues into the city and the PD works with the Sheriff's Office through a mutual aid pact. Summer issue can include issues at the Reservoir. Outlawing alcohol had a big impact on issues.

Sylvia Valenine Garcia - grateful for living in Aumsville; feels like a safe area. Gervais sees some drug issues; Sylvia works in the alternative school. Marijuana is an issue; the Sheriff's Office has brought a dog out. The city of Gervais has been responsive. Sylvia said that they are working to make space in the building for a law enforcement presence. Big arrests for a tiny town.

Cari Sessums - Cari wants to get some community education PSAs related to lake issues. BULLs are an issue; she wants to ensure marine patrol is ready. She commented that 1,200 people were fed Thanksgiving dinner; the Sheriff's Office helped to pack up over 400 meals for delivery. It was amazing. Cmdr. Schultz said the Sheriff and Undersheriff were there.

Glen Rader - Said that they are putting a traffic light at Fisher Rd. and it's torn up right now.

Julia Jaure - Julia added that an issue affecting her neighborhood is car break-ins. She will talk to some of the property managers to help determine the cause of the issue. She wants to create a resource for those experiencing this issue.

6) 2014 Meeting Dates / Closing - Greg Leo offered to host the next meeting in Donald. All agreed. The meeting will begin at 6 because of the election night. Herb said Abiqua School would also be willing to host a future meeting. Elkhorn Valley B&B

will offer meeting space as well. Glen reminded the group that Advisory Committee Members do not speak on behalf of the Sheriff's Office, especially on political issues.

Glen moved, Gary seconded. Adjourned at 8:32.

Future Meetings:

- a) May 20
- b) September 16
- c) November 18