The Public Safety Committee (PSC) met Monday, April 12, 2021, and was called to order at 10:00 AM via videoconference, Committee Chair Crane presiding. Committee members attending included Frank Farfone, Art Jones, Ed Maher, and Elizabeth Murphy. Councilman Barry Goldstein and Town Administrator Joe Cronin also attended. The agenda for the meeting is attached.

The Chair confirmed that all requirements of SC FOIA had been complied with.

1. Approval of minutes

The committee approved the minutes for March 8, 2021, by a motion from Ed Maher, seconded by Frank Farfone.

2. Committee membership changes

Deputy Chief C. Millican, Charleston County Government, Department of Public Safety, will be attending meetings of the PSC. Unfortunately he was unable to attend the April meeting due to a schedule conflict, but we welcome his participation in future activities of the Committee.

The Chair also took this opportunity to inform the Committee members about his pending resignation from the Council in connection with relocation from the community. He confirmed that Councilman Barry Goldstein would be assuming that position in the end of April. Councilman Goldstein has been participating in the past few Committee meetings to ensure a smooth transition.

3. CEP updates

Updates to the CEP from the January DRC earthquake exercise are continuing and should be completed for distribution for the June DRC exercise. The changes are mostly for new names and position changes; our consultant, Scott Cave, already has any input from the Committee for the Pandemic Response Plan changes. The PSC should review the RP changes at the May meeting. Chairman Crane will provide the name changes by the end of April.
4. Status of DRC Action Plans from Jan exercise

The Chair reviewed the status of each action item identified for the January DRC exercise in the Improvement Plan from March 4. The Chair has been receiving input documents from the individuals responsible for each action, and the collection will be documented and distributed to Committee members and Scott Cave for review.

Item # 3 regarding propane tanks was considered unnecessary except for identifying large tanks at specific facilities (e.g., Town Hall, SIPOA locations, Camp St. Christopher, and the Club).

Item #11 regarding deputizing members of the community to be part of emergency security operations was deemed unworkable and will be dropped from the list of action items.

5. Upcoming DRC exercise (late June)

The Committee confirmed holding a DRC exercise in June using a hurricane scenario. This will help us ensure we are prepared for the approaching season and provide an opportunity to indoctrinate new members to the Disaster Recovery Council. Councilman Goldstein will be coordinating plans for the exercise with Town Administrator Cronin and Scott Cave.

6. Town Administrator Items

   a. Debris Monitoring Services contract status.

      The Town Administrator will provide an update on the contract renewal. It is not expected that there will be any issues.

   b. Plans for Disaster Awareness Day (DAD)

      Kiawah has informed us that they will not be planning or participating in a DAD event in 2021. The Committee did not make a specific recommendation at the April meeting with respect to Seabrook Island sponsoring this event on our own.

   c. Update on beach patrol contract

      The Town Administrator reviewed the status of the renewal of the Beach Patrol Contract.

   d. Update on 2021 PGA Championship

   e. Status for July 4 Fireworks
In response to the Mayor’s request for recommendations regarding the July fireworks, the Chair polled each member as to opinions. The consensus was to proceed with caution, that if the event was going to be held that the program should be “barebones” (no food service, no additional entertainment, no shuttle service; just fireworks). The committee also recommended continuing discussion with Club and POA to ensure we get it right (e.g., ensure appropriate distancing is accommodated in the plan for the event).

7. Miscellaneous Business

None.

Next Meeting: April 12, 2021

Adjourn

There being no further business or discussion the meeting was adjourned by a motion from Frank Farfone, seconded by Liz Murphy.
MEETING
Public Safety Committee
April 12, 2021
10:00 am (Virtual Meeting)

AGENDA

1. Approve minutes from March 8, 2021, meeting
2. Welcome new member (Deputy Chief Charles “Chuck” Millican of Charleston County Sheriff’s Office)
3. CEP updates (end of April)
4. Status of DRC Action Plans from Jan exercise
5. Upcoming DRC exercise (late June)
6. Town Administrator Items
   a. Debris Monitoring Services contract status
   b. Plans for Disaster Awareness Day
   c. Update on beach patrol contract
   d. Update on 2021 PGA Championship
   e. Status for July 4 Fireworks
7. Miscellaneous Business

Next Meeting: May 10, 2021

Adjourn