



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW BOARD

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Tuesday, March 10, 2009

5:00 PM

Madison Fire Department  
Fire Station #6  
825 West Badger Road  
Madison, WI

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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Judge, seconded by Scott, to approve the minutes from February 10, 2009. Amy Smith, Tyrone Bell, and Larry Pasha abstained as they were not present during this meeting.

**Present:** 7 -

Paul E. Skidmore; Eli Judge; Larry Pasha; Tyrone W. Bell; Michael S. Scott; Terry E. Moen and Amy R. Smith

**Absent:** 1 -

Bret M. Gundlach

### REFERRALS FROM COMMON COUNCIL

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1. [12413](#)** SUBSTITUTE - Amending Section 12.1335 of the Madison General Ordinances to strike alternate side parking regulations from November 15 through March 15 and subsection (2) "snow emergency zone"; amending Sec. 12.1335(4) of the Madison General Ordinances to create alternate side parking regulations during a declared snow emergency; repealing Secs. 12.1335(4)(c) and 12.1335(6) of the Madison General Ordinances and amending Sec. 1.08(3)(a) of the Madison General Ordinances to eliminate the bail deposit for Alternate Side Parking from November 15-March 15.

**George Dreckman and Chris Kelly from City Streets attended this meeting to give an overview on why they would like to see the alternate side street parking remain in effect. Kelly indicated that the main concern from Streets is public safety and that their number one concern is to be able to have streets plowed in order to get police, fire, and streets equipment through a street. If there is not alternate side parking in place, equipment cannot get through as the streets get narrow. Dreckman mentioned that if there was only parking restrictions in place when there is a snow emergency in those situations it would take 72 hours to complete a plowing. As an example, he mentioned St. Paul, Minnesota. In those situations it takes them 72 hours to complete a plowing. The way their system works is the first day they clear the main thoroughfares when there is not parking on those streets, the second day either east/south or north/west then get plowed when there is no parking on those streets while the other streets sit until those are plowed. He said that the City of Madison opens every street within 12 hours of the start of a plowing and is completed with one side completely cleared, and the second night they plow on the alternate side when cars have moved. Dreckman said that there**

would be an extra day added at least to what they do now without alternate side parking and just having a declared snow emergencies before parking restrictions took effect. From a public expectations standpoint and a public safety standpoint it would be become an issue. He said that last year they plowed 14 times but declared only 8 snow emergencies because alternate side parking allowed Streets to get into most of the City to get the streets cleared. The final item that Dreckman mentioned is air emissions and the particulates that come from the diesel trucks that plow snow would be in the air because they would need to spend more time plowing. Professor Scott mentioned the question that was asked during the last PSRB meeting on what other Cities do on snow removal. Dreckman provided a listing to the group of examples on how other Cities operate to remove snow. Professor Scott and Alder Judge questioned if there are other options out there that the City could put in place as another route in which we could work towards when the weather is nice? Captain Bach indicated that if there were a model where there was a type of discretion involved or administrative decision to not enforce alternate side on certain days because of the weather, there would need to be a policy decision on how that would work and what could the 11-15 hourly parking enforcement employee's that are hired as seasonal employees do with parking enforcement.

There was a motion made to move to deny a change in alternate side street parking. All ayes means a vote to deny.

Absent: 1 -

Bret M. Gundlach

Ayes: 7 -

Paul E. Skidmore; Eli Judge; Larry Pasha; Tyrone W. Bell; Michael S. Scott; Amy R. Smith and Terry E. Moen

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 2. [13919](#)

Andrew Statz presented information on neighborhood indicators in which he mentioned that you can access 5 geographies that are in pilot phase that are modeled at the website at [cityofmadison.com/mayor-neighborhood-indicators](http://cityofmadison.com/mayor-neighborhood-indicators). Statz mentioned that the Mayors Office has contracted with the UW Applied Population Lab during the first quarter of this year and that they are working to build a geography that covers the entire City. Right now there are 5 neighborhood organizations; but the goal is to expand to possibly 70 neighborhood organizations throughout the City. A geography is a boundary of a neighborhood organization. There was a handout distributed on what type of data would be included on an indicator roster; Basic area and population profile, public safety, health and family well-being, community action and involvement, economic vitality, housing quality and availability, transportation. They are also working on two other geographies: sensitive block groups as geography and planning districts to gather coverage throughout the City. Statz indicated that sometime by October 1 there should be a system on line that has 3 different types of geographies; Census block groups, planning areas, and select neighborhood boundaries and essentially 2 years of data. He said that in a couple of years there should be good decent trend data. Any suggestions Statz mentioned to send him an e-mail to [astatz@cityofmadison.com](mailto:astatz@cityofmadison.com) or 266-4611.

3. [13920](#) Minimum Data Sets; What the PSRB would like to see included in regular periodic data reports from the Madison Fire Department and Madison Police Department.

The question that was asked is what type of data should the Public Safety Review Board request that would be useful to the board from the Police Department and Fire Department? What do we want to look at? Jim Keiken indicated that the Fire Department collects tons of specific numbers, events, times, calls for service, disposition of the call, etc. The question is what is important to the group? Captain Bach mentioned that the Police Department could provide lots of data as well, what is meaningful data and what is the need for the data? He mentioned that the Crime Analysts could possibly produce something monthly or quarterly. Tyrone Bell mentioned what is the mission for the Board? The overall mission for the Board is Public Safety. Bell felt that the board cannot tackle everything that happens in the City, parking tickets, someone that doesn't shovel their sidewalk, etc. but that it needs to be real public safety. Chair Moen said that we have to decide what data sets are important to us and asked that the group think about this and bring it to the next PSRB meeting.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

4. [13921](#)

Alder Skidmore had a copy of the Matrix – Phase II report that will be given out to PSRB members within the next week. As a summary, 679,000 call for service last year to the 911 Center. Only 20% of those were to the 911 number, and 80% to the non-emergency number. And he mentioned that is one of the issues that the centerboard will need to take up to the number of dispatchers on a daily basis. 66% of the calls that come into the center are from cell phones and the rest from landlines, and that this creates an issue to locate the cell phone. Skidmore mentioned dispatch protocols. There are different dispatch protocols requested from various counties in lieu of this there is a 911 Center dispatch protocol committee designed. The last item that was mentioned was the hiring of the new 911 Director. That there is a 6 person committee designed to interview the candidates and then the names will be passed onto the County Executive to interview the final candidate. The County Board will be the final for approval on the candidate. Joel Plant from the Mayors Office indicated that they City and County have been meeting regularly with regard to the Phase II report. They have been negotiating on the drafts and clauses with the City Attorney and the Corporation Counsel involved.

5. [13922](#)

There was no report on Sensitive Crimes.

6. [13954](#)

Chair Terry Moen mentioned to the group that we need to bring closure on a few big items; environmental design is one of those, and that we need to decide as a group what items that we are going to want to take on this year. She mentioned that we we need to set out a grid on what we would like to accomplish as a group throughout the year. This is something that she would

like members to think about to be able to discuss at a future PSRB meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**