

City of Cascade Locks
Public Safety Task Force
Summary minutes of January 31, 2012 Meeting

Public Safety Task Force January 31 Summary Minutes

Task Force members present: Gary Munkhoff, Larry Cramblett, Pat Stuart, Debora Lorang, Arni Kononen, Jim Dean, Sharon Dean, Martha LaMont, Ralph Hesgard, Barry LaMont, Rob Brostoff, Shelly Storm, Jeff Pricher, Richard Randall, Nancy Renault

Staff and Resource people present: Marianne Bump, Bill Anderson (SDAO), Dave Nelson (CIS), Paul Koch

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by ICA Koch. Mayor Masters welcomed the group and led the Task Force and others present in the pledge of allegiance. The Mayor expressed the thanks of the City Council and the whole community to the group for their willingness to take the time to deal with this important issue. It was noted that Jeff Griffin and the Oregon State Fire Chiefs Association was responsible for providing food for the meeting.

Dave Nelson of CIS and Bill Anderson of SDOA then made opening comments and encouraged the Task Force.

Staff then reviewed the job description and purpose of the Task Force. Members of the Task Force then asked questions. It was pointed out that if the Task Force felt a need to seek an extension of the due date for their work, they should feel free to seek that with City Council. It was suggested that as we get closer to the due date, and if there is still plenty to do, an extension would be possible. The concepts requested by the City Council were also mentioned and the Task Force was informed of the measures of success for their efforts.

Marianne distributed copies of the approved budget for the Emergency Services Department as well as a copy of the “recast” budget recently developed working with Interim Chief Wells. The Task Force had questions about the budgets and Marianne indicated that she would have additional information and respond to questions at the next meeting. The intent of this presentation was to provide the Task Force with a feel for what the department costs the city.

The Task Force was then asked to have a discussion about how they wanted to organize for their assignment. The thought was mentioned that the TF may want to create it’s own officers or at least Chair or Co-Chair. Following a brief discussion, the Task Force indicated a desire to have the ICA continue to lead/facilitate the meetings and discussion.

In discussing the ideas for emergency service organization and alternatives, it was mentioned by one of the TF members that it would be good to find out what the community wants before the TF gets too far into determining the options. All agreed that getting the suggestions of the community early on in the process would be very good. Other issues raised were equipment amortization, replacement costs, condition and care of equipment.

The discussion about service levels and other operating ideas was postponed until a later meeting. It was continuously stressed that the ideas of the community would be critical in the Task Force completing its work.

The Task Force did discuss and set the dates, times and locations of their meetings. (See attached work plan and schedule)

It was suggested by the Task Force that other communities such as Arlington,. Boardman, Wasco, Rufus, Umatilla would be good examples to look at. Other suggestions were that Interim Chief Wells attend the next meeting and that Jeff Griffin, Ted Megert, Deputy State Fire Marshal and others be asked to speak with and work with the group.

During the evening, the Task Force offered many ideas and suggestions. There was some discussion of the most recent effort to form a special district, as well as other ideas, suggestions and concerns.

The meeting dates for the Task Force are:

February 6	7 PM at City Hall
February 20	7 PM at Port Pavilion (confirmed)
February 21	7 PM at City Hall to debrief from community meeting
March 5	7 PM at City Hall
March 19	7 PM at City Hall
April 2	7 PM at Port Pavilion (confirmed)
April 3	7 PM at City Hall to debrief from community meeting
April 16	7 PM at City Hall
April 23	7 PM at City Hall-tentative presentation of final report to City Council

It was pointed out that the community meetings do not need to be televised.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30.

Next meeting of the Task Force is February 6, 7 PM at City Hall