

## **Maple Grove Citizens Advisory Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**March 11, 2015**

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by CAC Member Bob Joiner. The meeting started at 7:01 p.m.

#### **Members Present**

Leslie Bender	Lorraine Gresser	Bob Joiner
Tim Klevar	Steven Maas	Joan Masberg
Joe Piket	Kevin Rebman	Don Skoglund

#### **Members Absent**

John Beacham, Stephen Gill, Harry Kennedy

#### **Others Present**

CAC City Staff Liaison Mike Opatz, Maple Grove Police Chief Eric Werner, and Maple Grove resident Adam Bedard.

#### **Oath of Office**

CAC member Joe Piket took the oath of office for another two-year term to expire on December 31, 2016.

#### **Minutes**

The minutes for the January 14, 2015 meeting were approved.

#### **Area Reports**

Replacement of water service lines in the Boundary Creek Area. Leslie Bender mentioned an acquaintance spending \$2,000 to replace theirs as was told it was defective. Question asked if the City is aware of any issues.

#### **Police Department Update**

At the request of the CAC, Police Chief Eric Werner was in attendance to provide an update on the Police Department.

Chief Werner provided two handouts--one related to Community Policing, the other was his PowerPoint presentation.

Chief Werner provided an overview of his background and reviewed the varied roles in his law enforcement career. He talked about his leadership and policing philosophy, stating he places an emphasis on relationships, leadership and education.

He stated that leadership is important for all levels of his department's staff. He stated they are in it together and need to work to together to figure out what's next as change is coming.

Chief Werner reviewed statistics, calls for service and budget. He also reviewed with the group various aspects of the Community Policing handout.

He talked about Part 1 and 2 crimes and associated statistics. Chief Werner also reviewed and provided an update on the four areas of Maple

Grove that have most recently been impacted by burglaries. He stated the Maple Grove Police Department uses and has a lot of resources to solve crimes.

Q&A: home video/security cameras; interagency cooperation; drug crimes/Mexican drug cartel; service provider partners; how to get to know police officers; terrorism, specifically Mall of America threat.

Discussion took place on various drug related topics and issues.

Chief Werner reviewed service provider partners from local to federal levels and the different ways they provide resources, services and support. He provided examples of incidents that show there is strength in communications and working together.

Chief Werner discussed retail crimes, such as shoplifting and related challenges, such as store policies. He stated it is a combination of prevention and prosecution.

Chief Werner reviewed the Police Department organization chart and various changes made within the department for development.

Q&A: gun permits, fingerprinting service, staffing for gun range.

Chief Werner continued his review of the department's organization and staff including various retirements as well as the staff's education and experience. This also included a breakdown diversity within the department, some of which he is working for more of.

Q&A: multi-lingual capabilities of officers with the Chief stating there are resources for language/interpreters. Breakdown of the age of the Police staff particularly relating to a growing older population in Maple Grove. The Chief stated it was a matter of teaching officers how to engage with citizens rather than hiring older staff. Salary of a starting officer, which Chief Werner stated was around \$52,000.

A brief discussion took place on of the characteristics of different generations. Chief Werner talked about service and a message has been relayed to staff about connecting with the community.

Chief Werner reviewed traffic accidents and traffic citations as well as various statistics. He also provided an overview of 2015 priorities.

Q&A: staffing for crisis intervention

Chief Werner talked about current events and community relations. He reviewed various safety aspects from the 2013 citizens' survey and policies for the department to continue to ensure resident safety. CAC members told the Chief that they are the ones who put the community

survey together and would welcome questions from him during the next survey process.

Chief Werner stated he reviews a number of reports from national organizations for ideas, growth and planning.

Q&A: revenues for citations

Chief Werner reviewed technology related to data and privacy of data. He reviewed the types and numbers of vehicles, cameras in squad cars and provided statistics.

Q&A: security of the Council Chambers. Chief Werner stated it has been reviewed and minor adjustments made.

CAC members thanked Chief Werner for his presentation.

**Youth Sports  
Update**

Mike Opatz provided an update. Maplebrook Soccer is confirmed for the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting; Osseo Football for May 13; and basketball and baseball set for June. Lacrosse has been in contact but not confirmed. The hockey association is asking for more information. No response yet from Maple Grove football.

**Other Business /  
Updates**

The development update from City Administrator Al Madsen and Community Development Director may be set for the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Morris  
Minute Secretary