

## **October minutes (draft for approval)**

### **Providence District Council (PDC) Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday October 11, 2017

**Time:** 7:30pm - 9 pm

**Location:** Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, VA

#### **Agenda:**

7:30 pm - Administrative Items

8:00 pm – Program – The Future of Policing: Tyson's Corner and Beyond (speaker MPO Patrick Lucas)

#### **1) Administrative Items**

##### **President Report (Jeff Agnew):**

- Last August the PDC Board met and discussed ways to reach out to other Providence District Home Owners Associations (HOAs).
- Julie Hirka will be the primary PDC representative at the November 8 Transform66 meeting, and Jeff will likely attend as well.
- The next PDC meeting on Nov 8 will likely be rescheduled to Nov 15 since it conflicts with the Transform66 meeting which is hosted by Providence Supervisor Linda Smyth.

##### **Vice President Report (Erika Yalowitz):**

PDC Vice President Erika Yalowitz was unable to attend the meeting.

##### **Membership Chair Report (Flint Webb):**

Membership Chair Flint Webb was unable to attend the meeting.

##### **Recording Secretary Report (Marie Gerritz):**

The PDC Minutes for the September 13, 2017 meeting were presented and approved.

##### **Treasurer Report (R. Dana Opp III):**

There were no new expenditures or deposits since the prior month's report. Therefore the PDC bank balance remains the same at \$980.04.

##### **PDC Email address:**

Former PDC Board member Kosmo Tatalias confirmed that the older PDC contact email address [contact@providencedistrictcouncil.org](mailto:contact@providencedistrictcouncil.org) should no longer be utilized. The newer, simpler email address "[contact@pdcfairfax.org](mailto:contact@pdcfairfax.org)" should be used instead. This email alias was setup last year and recently re-tested.

## **2) Program - The Future of Policing: Tyson's Corner and Beyond**

Master Police Officer (MPO) Patrick Lucas was the speaker for this program; he discussed the changing, modern methods of public safety and policing applicable to growing urbanized communities such as in the Providence District, especially the Tysons area.

MPO Lucas has 23 years of experience being a police officer and currently serves the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD), McLean District Station (MDS). The MDS is 1 of 8 police districts in Fairfax County. The Providence District is 1 of 9 magisterial districts in Fairfax County. So note that the Police Station Districts do not directly coincide with magisterial districts. The Providence District is served by the Mason, Fair Oaks and the McLean District Police Stations.

The McLean District Station covers approximately 44 square miles and 709 miles of roadway, a sizeable expanse. The MDS serves areas such as McLean, Tyson's Corner, Pimmit Hills, Merrifield, Dunn Loring, Idylwood, and portions of Wolf Trap, West Falls Church and Great Falls. For police dispatch services and crime analysis, the MDS is subdivided into five "police service areas" (PSAs).

As of 2015, the MDS covered a population of over 149,000 individuals. It's been projected that by 2020, this would increase by at least 16% and by 2040, over 61%. Tysons Corner by itself is the biggest economic driver within the MDS area, and population growth is even more substantial. It's been projected that by 2020, the population would increase by at least 73% and by 2040, 354%!

And note that these estimated population figures don't include the many thousands of individuals who do not reside within the MDS area, yet utilize their hotels, retailers, restaurants, movie theatres, Silver Line Metro etc. on a continuous or sporadic basis. So at this point, the amount of criminal incidences taking place by individuals living in geographic areas outside of the MDS area is unknown.

Along with greater population growth and urbanization comes a higher projected rate of crime and traffic problems. The relationship between population growth and various types of crime and traffic problems will be carefully monitored, with police dispatch modifications made as needed.

Currently MDS staffs over 135 sworn police officers and over 20 non-sworn staff members. Finding additional office space for police may not be an issue with the urbanization of Tysons. However finding adequate funding for its police resources, tools and technology to keep up with the swift pace of urbanization can be challenging. For example, obtaining funds for additional computers needed for MDS staff members.

It's important for PDs to continually find and develop smart, effective methods of

“policing”, to continue to keep pace with their changing, growing communities. For example, MPO Lucas has reached out to some citizens within the MDS area using the NextDoor online forum to inform and notify citizens. The MDS is looking to expand their NextDoor footprint to reach even more citizens within the MDS area.

MDS plans to continue outreach to the Tysons Partnership. The Tysons Partnership is a unique collaboration of Tysons stakeholders working together to guide its transformation. Stakeholders include residents, property owners, employers, workers, and the broad public that experiences Tysons. The Tysons Partnership works in alignment with Fairfax County and the visualization of its Comprehensive Plan of the vibrant, growing Tysons community. For additional information on the Tysons Partnership refer to: <https://www.tysonspartnership.org/>

The MDS strives to implement programs and strategies, network collaboratively with the community and seek long-term solutions. While many of their initiatives have been successful, they continually seek feedback and support from its citizens.

To support and become more involved with your local Police Department, provide a valuable service to your community, and be more informed about county issues and laws, consider joining your FCPD Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). Refer to: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/jobs/citizenadvisorycommittee.htm>.

The CAC contact for the McLean Police District is Patrick Smaldore ([patricksmaldore@live.com](mailto:patricksmaldore@live.com)).

For additional information about the McLean District Police Station refer to: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/stations/mclean/>.