

City of Hastings

Public Safety Advisory Commission (PSAC)

Work Session Minutes

March 9, 2017

Hastings City Hall – Spiral Room

**Present:** Commissioners Augesen, Pemble, Schommer, Starkson and McCauley.

**City Staff:** City Councilmember Folch, Chief of Police Schafer, Communications Coordinator Stoffel, Parks and Recreation Director Jenkins, Police Officer Bauer.

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair McCauley.
2. Welcome and Introductions.
3. National Night Out planning session.  
Chief Schafer gave a historical perspective of the Commissions involvement over the past two years. Officer Bauer gave background information on past neighborhood parties.

Topics of discussion:

- Providing a National Night Out information table at the Police Department Open House in May.
- Reaching out to the Ministerial community for support and assistance.
- Police, Fire and Council member visits to parties.
- Is the traditional way of providing National Night Out services effective?

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➤ Some thoughts for 2017 parties:

- Expansion to include more gatherings
- 1 – 2 large city-sponsored parties provided in certain areas – Lions Park or Tuttle. [Parks, Police, City Staff](#)
- Area businesses to help sponsor provided parties and address donation opportunity with City Attorney.
- Query current block party captains for ideas on how to create a successful block party – help to build toolbox for future neighborhoods interested in holding a party. [PSAC](#)
- Revamp current party registration application – a check box on the form to allow the City to share application information. Also, a check box for requesting Police or Fire personnel visit during party. [City Staff](#)
- Publicize early – City spring newsletter, Facebook. [Lee Stoffel](#)
- Continue with old format too however consider more, smaller groups deploy to visit more gatherings.
- Work with Council members to assist in their specific wards. [Council Members](#)

**Workplan:**

- Commissioners Schommer, Starkson and Augesen will focus on outreach to the business community for corporate support.
- Communications Coordinator Stoffel will create an article for the City spring newsletter.
- Officer Bauer will provide an updated form of 2016 party block captains. Commissioner McCauley will initiate plan to contact those party captains for supportive information on how to create a successful block party.

4. Establish next meeting date.

Meeting date of April 20, 2017 had already been scheduled.

5. Adjournment- at 8:05 p.m.. Called by Commissioner McCauley,  
seconded by Commissioner Augesen.