

EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE RETENTION

Public Safety Advisory Board

Board/Committee Name

Code section acknowledging Board/Committee provided? 3.36, Attached

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1. Times met in past year: 6 (minutes of each meeting attached).
2. How many "referred" items did the board/committee address over the past two years that were referred by the assembly (council) or manager? 1-4. What topics/matters were referred to the board/committee? **Records indicate the council asked the board to review deer population reduction in August, 2012. Other topics possibly referred to the PSAB by the Council include police department building concerns, budgeting and Fire Department Ordinance 961.**
3. If the Board/Committee did not address referred matters, what did they address and why did they address the matter? **The Board discussed several parking and traffic related issues, animal control concerns, issues with Postal Inspector mail sorts as well as issues with the Department of Law. Animal control and traffic related concerns are voiced at times and directly relate to public safety. Discussions regarding postal sorts and the Department of Law were held to understand difficulties with related agencies in an effort to ensure Petersburg received needed services.**
4. Do Department Heads find the advisory board/committee as needed and helpful in producing favorable outcomes for the borough (city)? **The Board can be helpful as a less formal and intimidating venue for the public to present concerns and it facilitates communication between citizens and the Borough on issues relating to public safety. Also, as board meetings are formal, open public meetings, with documented agendas and minutes, the process helps ensure concerns are addressed and do not fall through the cracks. The PSAB alleviates some burden to the Assembly by being able to field/address concerns that are often resolved at the department head level.. The PSAB does the leg-work and makes a recommendation to the Assembly essentially saving the Assembly valuable time and effort. In addition, the PSAB provides support to the Fire Dept and Police Dept regarding budget and safety issues.**
5. What do the Board/Committee members believe they have accomplished over the last year or two? **Per Chairman Bacom the Board has addressed several issues over the past 15 years such as traffic safety issues that include bicycle paths, parking problems, traffic visibility needs and other child safety issues.**
6. Does the board have any "authority" other than an advisory capacity? (i.e. the Library Board is "authorized to manage and operate the public library). **No, although the Board communicates with departments heads and tries to resolve issues at the lowest level.**
7. What has been the "vacancy" rate of the board/committee membership? (go back three years) **No vacancies per Chairman Bacom.**

8. If retained, should the board/committee be elected or appointed? **Opinions of board members varied.**
9. What are the pros & cons of being elected or appointed? **Electing members can prevent the board from "being padded."**
10. What should be the membership number of the board/committee? **5**
3/5/7/9 members

Comments: Board members believe the board is helpful and would like to continue.
