

Petersburg Borough

# Public Safety Advisory Board

## Minutes

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013

7:00pm

Borough Assembly Chambers

1. **Roll Call**  
Bacom, Engell, Dwyer, Hoag and Swihart present
2. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**  
Minutes Unavailable
3. **Amendment and Approval of the Agenda**
4. **Visitor's Views Related to the Agenda**
5. **Visitor's Views Unrelated to Agenda Items**
6. **Student Rep Report**
7. **Board Subcommittee Report**
8. **Unfinished Business**
  - a. **Crossing at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Haugen** – Per Chair Bacom Crosswalk requested April, 2013
  - b. **2<sup>nd</sup> St Parking by Hospital** – Hospital employees not using designated parking
  - c. **Visibility 2<sup>nd</sup> & Haugen** – Chair Bacom will meet with DOT
  - d. **Sandy Beach Road Speed Limit** – Forward to next meeting with public service announcement
9. **New Business**
  - a. **Traffic Safety on Ira II**
  - b. **Parking Tickets**
10. **Communications**
11. **Adjournment**

**MINUTES OF THE PETERSBURG PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, HELD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.**

1. **ROLL CALL** Present: Sid Bacom, Jim Engell, Sally Dwyer, Elbert Hardin, and Stan Hjort. Absent: None.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
3. **AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
4. **VISITOR'S VIEWS RELATED TO THE AGENDA** Hoopie Davidson will speak to issue under new business.
5. **VISITOR'S VIEWS UNRELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS**
6. **STUDENT REP REPORT** Student Rep Sarah Tate introduced and welcomed to the Board.
7. **BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT** None.
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - a. **Parking at 2nd & Fram** Nancy Strand advised parking area will change from diagonal to parallel parking this year.
  - b. **Issues with Department of Law** Low level of service hasn't changed. Assist. D.A. will provide court room training for Officers next week as there will be no trials. Engell requested memo to Assembly about Board's continued displeasure with Dept of Law's service to Petersburg. Sid will oblige.
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. **Traffic Safety Issues - Hoopie Davidson** Hoopie Davidson concerned flashing blue light on Borough sanding truck could confuse drivers who may expect it to be an ambulance. Chief Agner will search State Statutes and discuss with Public Works Director Karl Hagerman.
  - b. **Police Dept Building Update** Chief Agner advised building plans are beyond conceptual design stage. Still working on getting costs down. Bringing building to code requires more square footage.

c. **Tsunami** Chief Agner reported situation handled well by responders and community members. Responders learned from event to improve. Engell requested a place designated for community members without vehicles. Board wishes to remind community members to have a "go bag" ready for such events. Community can become officially a tsunami ready town if there is enough interest and finances to support it.

d. **Budget** Chief Agner expects to submit budget similar to last years. Budget must be presented to Borough Manager by April 1st.

10. **COMMUNICATIONS** None.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Date Approved

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# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg AK, 99833

## Meeting Minutes Public Safety Advisory Board

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Wednesday, August 21, 2013

7:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

**Present** 5 - Board Member Sally Dwyer, Chairperson Sid Bacom, Board Member Elbert Hardin, Board Member Jim Engell, and Board Member Stan Hjort

### 2. Approval of the Minutes

**This** was approved

### 3. Amendment & Approval of Meeting Agenda

*No amendments offered*

### 4. Visitors Views Unrelated to Agenda

*Jo Williams asked about adding a cross walk to Haugen at Third. Per Chairman Bacom there is a cross walk there that needs repainting.*

### 5. Visitors Views Related to Agenda

*Mary Mitkiff spoke about traffic concerns on Ira II. Jo Williams spoke about traffic safety concerns on Sandy Beach.*

### 6. Staff Report

### 7. Unfinished Business

#### A. [13-168](#) Crossing 2nd & Haugen

*DOT project. Suggestions provided to engineers*

#### B. [13-169](#) Parking 2nd Street near Petersburg Medical Center

*Public works is in the process of redesignating parking in the area.*

#### C. [13-170](#) Visibility 2nd & Haugen

*DOT has authority on Haugen.*

**E.     13-167           Speed Limit Sandy Beach Road**

*Board reviewed information received from public and took public comments. Member Engell moved to recommend the speed limit remain the same. Seconded by Member Hjort*

**A motion was made by Board Member Jim Engell, seconded by Board Member Stan Hjort, that this Report be discussed. The motion carried 4 to 1, with Member Dwyer voting against the recommendation.**

**8.       New Business**

*None*

**9.       Communication**

*None*

**10.     Discussion Items**

*NOne*

**11.     Adjournment**

*Adjourned*

**MINUTES OF THE PETERSBURG PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, HELD  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS OF  
THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

1. **ROLL CALL** Present: Sid Bacom, Jim Engell, Elbert Hardin, and Stan Hjort. Absent: None.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
3. **AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
4. **VISITOR'S VIEWS RELATED TO THE AGENDA** Librarian Tara Alcock & Library Board Member Karen Dillman present in support of 9.a.
5. **VISITOR'S VIEWS UNRELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS** None.
6. **STUDENT REP REPORT** Student Rep Sarah Tate reported she forwarded the complaint from the last meeting to Student Council regarding teens not obeying stop sign near school.
7. **BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT** None.
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - a. **Traffic Safety Issues (flashing lights on sanding truck)** Chief Jim Agner spoke with Public Works Director Karl Hagerman about Hoopie Davidson's concern of flashing lights on sanding trucks being confused for emergency responding vehicles. State statutes allows for equipment to use yellow and/or blue flashing lights, and use is intended to reduce accidents with the large trucks.
  - b. **Police Dept Building Update** Chief Agner reported Assembly voted for excess funds from new Fire Hall to be re-appropriated, in the hopes the State will allow the money to be used toward a new Police Department. Little to no expectation of funding from current legislative session for the building. Architect is working on a more accurate cost estimate for current plans. Bond issue will likely be presented on the ballot next election.
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. **Crossing at 2nd & Haugen** Chair Bacom presented letter written by citizen Marina Whitacre to DOT requesting better pedestrian crossing conditions at 2nd & Haugen due to expected high traffic there when new library opens. Board would like to see crosswalk on lower portion of intersection across Haugen, and reduction of parking spots on Haugen to increase visibility. Specifically, one space up from 2nd St and all spaces from 1st to 2nd St on Haugen. Chair Bacom will contact DOT John Barnett about this issue.

10. **COMMUNICATIONS** Chief Agner advised Public Works Director Karl Hagerman has not yet made the decision on parking at 2nd & Fram and Hagerman would like Boardmembers feedback. Hagerman is suggesting keeping the angled parking as the retaining wall will be moved inward, and to eliminate parking on the opposite side of 2nd St.

Chief Agner reported that Board Member Dwyer would like citizens to participate in a voluntary medical alert Yellow Dot program which alerts emergency responders of medical conditions of participants. Board members will read up on the issue and discuss at next meeting.

11. **ADJOURNMENT** Adjourned at 7:54 pm.

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Date Approved

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# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg AK, 99833

## Meeting Agenda - Final Public Safety Advisory Board

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Wednesday, September 18, 2013

7:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Minutes**
3. **Amendment & Approval of Meeting Agenda**
4. **Visitors Views Unrelated to Agenda**
5. **Visitors Views Related to Agenda**
6. **Staff Report**
7. **Unfinished Business**
  - D. [13-081](#) Traffic Safety on Ira II
  - A. [13-168](#) Crossing 2nd & Haugen
  - B. [13-169](#) Parking 2nd Street near Petersburg Medical Center
  - C. [13-170](#) Visibility 2nd & Haugen
  - D. [13-082](#) Parking Citation Requirements
- 8. New Business**
  - [13-210](#) KSFK Weekly Safety Tips
  - [13-211](#) Parking Placard Concerns
9. **Communication**
10. **Discussion Items**
  - 13-216 [13-216](#) Assembly Evaluation of Advisory Boards
11. **Adjournment**





**MINUTES OF THE PETERSBURG PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

1. **ROLL CALL** Present: Sid Bacom, Sally Dwyer, and Stan Hjort. Absent: None.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** Minutes from 2/20/13 meeting should show Sally Dwyer as Excused.
3. **AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** Sandy Dixson would like to add Fire Chief Jerod Cook report of Fire Department Activities. Sally Dwyer would like to add Yellow Dot Program & Wheelchair Safety on Roadways.
4. **VISITOR'S VIEWS RELATED TO THE AGENDA** Fire Chief Jerod Cook will speak about Fire Department Activities under New Business 9.a.
5. **VISITOR'S VIEWS UNRELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS** None.
6. **STUDENT REP REPORT** None.
7. **BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT** None.
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - a. **Police Dept Building Update** Chief Jim Agner: Jensen, Yorba & Lott detailed cost estimate came in at 9 million. Not foreseeing State funding for 4-5 years. Jensen firm that building costs will be approx. \$550/square foot; suggests reducing size to reduce cost. Committee feels reducing size will impact functionality. Assembly gave Borough Manager authority to cancel current contract and forge new one, if necessary. Strong possibilities of more affordable alternatives than what Jensen, Yorba & Lott are offering to serve what meets the Community's needs.
  - b. **Crossing at 2nd & Haugen** Sid Bacom: Talked to two engineers with DOT about this issue. Sid found visibility is not blocked since a parking spot was removed years ago. Currently drafting a letter to DOT to encourage them to put in a crosswalk there; will have Board review letter before mailing.
  - c. **Yellow Dot Program** Sally Dwyer: Low cost program to aid EMS service to citizens involved in vehicle accidents. Will require training to EMT's. Sally will contact Anchorage PD, who currently uses the program, to find out more about it.
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. **Fire Department Activities** Fire Chief Jerod Cook: Three different branches of department composed of 65 total volunteer members. Provided breakdown graphs of run calls for the past few years and training hours vs. response time. Concerned about

recruitment; brainstorming incentives to encourage more community members to commit to all the training and time it takes to join.

**b. Fire Dept Budget** Sandy Dixson presented Fire Department Budget requests for FY14.

**c. Police Dept Budget** Jim Agner presented Police Department and Jail Budget requests for FY14.

**d. Wheelchair Safety in Roadway** Sally Dwyer: Recently saw motorized wheelchair being operated down middle of roadway with no signage or flags; concerned about safety and legality. Chief Agner will look into the issue.

**e. Chief Position** Jim Agner: 29 applicants for the Chief position, three of which are from Alaska residents.

**f. Parking Tickets** Jim Agner: Court System changes regarding parking tickets and other minor offenses will likely require changes to the Municipal Ordinances.

## **10. COMMUNICATIONS**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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Date Approved

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