



**POLICE ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING PACKET**

FOR

**Thursday, May 21st, 2015
7 p.m.**

**Sherwood Police Department
20495 SW Borchers Drive
Sherwood, OR 97140**



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Meeting Minutes

<u>Police Advisory Board</u>	
Date & Time:	Thursday April 16, 2015 7:00pm
Location:	Sherwood Police Community Room 20495 SW Borchers Dr., Sherwood, OR



P.A.B. Members:	Council Liaison:
Laurie Zwingli-Chair	Linda Henderson
Bob Silverforb-Vice Chair	City Staff:
Diane Foster	Jeff Groth-Police Chief
Sean Garland	Angela Hass-Executive Assistant
Dave McCart	
Rich Miller	
Amy Miller-Juvé	
Christian Verkest	
Chris West	

1. Call to Order (Chair)

The meeting was officially called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call (Chair/Staff)

Board Members Present - Chair Zwingli, Vice Chair Silverforb, Diane Foster, Sean Garland, Dave McCart, Rich Miller, Amy Miller-Juvé, Christian Verkest and Chris West

Board Members Absent - None

Staff Members Present - Executive Assistant Angela Hass

3. Approval of minutes (Chair)

- a. **March 19 meeting**
- b. **April 2 meeting**

A motion was made by Rich Miller to approve both sets of minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Silverforb. All approved.

4. Business (Chair)

Chair Zwingli announced that Chief Groth was in Bend attending the OACP Annual Conference. She stated that Chief Groth had thought that it would be good for the board members to get to know each other a little better and since there are no current pressing issues, this meeting will be focused on that.

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Chair Zwingli also mentioned that she had spoken to City Manager, Joe Gall, that afternoon and was told that the Planning Commission agreed to accept the Police Advisory Board's suggestions for the medical marijuana dispensaries. Sean Garland stated that he had attended the Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday and shared that the board was very appreciative of the work that the Police Advisory Board did.

- a. Five minute bio from each board member. Tell us about yourself and your connection to Sherwood.**
- b. Tell us why you wanted to be a member of the Police Advisory Board.**
- c. Aside from the marijuana issue, what are the two most pressing issues you want to see addressed for Sherwood's future, in our capacity as the Police Advisory Board.**

(It was decided that each board member would answer all questions – a, b and c - as they went around the room.)

Diane Foster – Has lived in Sherwood for 10 years and grew up in Portland. She is currently working in commercial insurance, specifically with public entities – cities, counties, schools, etc. Her husband is an elementary school PE teacher and she has three children.

Being on the Police Advisory Board will give her opportunities to talk about criminal justice and work at something that she really enjoys.

School safety is a hot topic for her. She feels that Sherwood schools are safe, but no school is completely safe. She would like to see Sherwood maintain the balance between keeping our schools really safe, but welcoming at the same time. She would like to learn more about Chief Groth's involvement with youth substance abuse as well as get some statistics for Sherwood.

Sean Garland – Was raised in Minnesota. A visit to Portland after college drew him to settle here eventually with his wife and two daughters. He moved around a bit through the years, but it was Sherwood's great schools that brought his family here. Sherwood seemed like a good place to raise a family. He is currently a Project Manager for a major global financial company and works primarily from home.

One of his concerns is pedestrian safety. Although pedestrian safety is relatively good, he believes it could be better and has had a couple close calls, himself. He wants children to feel safe walking through crosswalks. Vehicular safety on the roads is a concern to him, as well. He stated that he can hear cars zipping down Murdock late at night and described a recent issue with a drunk driver. Drunk driving is more of a concern to him, than the medical marijuana issue. He would like to find out if Officers patrol certain areas for drunk drivers at night. Chair Zwingli asked if he had noticed any particulars about the drivers of the cars that he's concerned about. Mr. Garland said that he couldn't pin point exactly, but probably most of his concerns involve sports cars, motorcycles, etc.

Dave McCart – Was raised in Oregon and works at Allied Systems. He stated that a while back there was a major theft issue at Allied. It ended up being a former employee

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that stole from them over a nine year period. The Sherwood Police Department worked with them to finally identify the individual. He lived in Sherwood for a long time, but because he kept getting called in to work during off hours, due to Allied's alarms going off, he moved to West Linn. Has two children that keep him pretty busy.

One reason he was interested in being on the Police Advisory Board is because of business and home thefts. His parents are retired and live in Sherwood. There was a home invasion near his parent's home, which is of great concern. He believes that certain areas of Sherwood might need a little more patrol. Vice Chair Silverforb asked Dave what he liked to do for fun. Dave replied that he keeps busy doing activities with his children.

Chair Laurie Zwingli – Moved to Sherwood after meeting someone who insisted that she would like it here and should move here. She has lived here for nine years and was a stay at home mom until she opened her law office in Sherwood. The majority of her business is family law and most of her clients are not from Sherwood. She is raising three boys.

She likes the idea of knowing who's out there serving and protecting her family and Sherwood's neighborhoods. She shares Ms. Foster's concern regarding drug use in the schools. Her children tell her there is drug use. All the negativity towards Law Enforcement in the news lately is another concern. She would like to help strengthen the relationship between the community and the Police Department and feels that being a liaison could be helpful. Chris West asked her to explain a bit about the role of the Sherwood Police Foundation. Chair Zwingli stated that the foundation is a small organization created to help promote good will and strengthen the way the Police Department does their job. For instance, if there's no money in the budget for something that the Police Department needs, the foundation will work to help them get it. The overall purpose is to be able to strengthen the Department when the City is unable to. They are currently looking for more board members and meet the third Thursday of every month at 5:00 p.m.

Vice Chair Bob Silverforb – Was raised in Missouri and worked for the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department at one time. Worked for Bechtel Corporation and lived in San Francisco for 25 years. After retiring in 2001, he continued to work with Bechtel on a consulting basis. He and his wife moved to Sherwood to be closer to their daughter and grandkids. He is currently involved in an organization called SCORE, helping to guide people in their careers. It is something that he really enjoys and plans to continue doing, indefinitely. He has served on many boards in Sherwood and received the Outstanding Citizen Award in 2010 by the Sherwood Chamber. He and his wife set up a scholarship fund for Human Resources back in Missouri, where they go once a year.

One reason he wanted to be on the Police Advisory Board is because he really enjoyed working for the Kansas City PD when he was young. He enjoys doing many things, including wine tasting, which was another reason for moving to Sherwood. He and his wife both enjoy travelling. He greatly enjoys being with his four grandkids and helping to teach them new things. He has a great appreciation for police work, undercover work, etc. Recent conversations regarding the Sherwood Police Department contracting with the Washington County Sheriff's Office is a concern to him. He thinks it is important to keep our Police Department. Schools and drugs are areas of concern, as well.

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Rich Miller - Has lived in Sherwood for two years, where he is a Pastor. He previously lived in Vancouver for 15 years. He met his wife at George Fox University and they have three grown children. He just became a Grandpa, has a son that will be married in July and his youngest is in his last year of college.

Everywhere he has pastored, he has had Police Officers in his congregation, one of which was killed on the job. He has a great respect for Police Officers and felt it would be good to be involved in the board. A strong concern for him is the community relationship. Rich talked about the recent negativity towards Police Officers, especially through social media and how he would like to be part of something that helps maintain a positive attitude for the Sherwood Police Department. His other concern is drugs. He knows there is a drug problem and would like to help improve.

Chair Zwingli shared a recent incident on HWY 99 where she witnessed a Sherwood Officer changing a motorist's tire in the rain. Sean Garland stated that one thing he likes about our local police is their involvement in the community, being active and involved in events. He stated that his own children feel comfortable around the Police Officers and that is important to him. Vice Chair Silverforb mentioned the gift cards that the Officers randomly passed out during the holidays.

Amy Miller-Juvé - Grew up in Hillsboro and has lived in Sherwood for six years. While attending the University of Oregon some years back, she worked with the Eugene Police Department and U of O Campus Safety. Part of her job required her to work with students dealing with different things which enabled her to work closely with Law Enforcement. It helped her understand what Officers deal with on a daily basis. She later moved to Portland and earned her doctorate in Education. She currently works at OHSU, where her husband is also employed. She and her husband moved to Sherwood after several of their friends started moving here. They have a son turning three next week and really wanted to raise him here. She feels fortunate to be in Sherwood.

She wanted to be involved in the Police Advisory Board, as she wants to be involved with the City. Working with the Police Advisory Board takes her back to the time that she worked with public safety. She really likes the connection the Officers make with the community.

She would like to see two things addressed, one being speeding, especially at night. Her neighbors share her concern, especially with child safety. The other being that she has not, herself, seen a lot of Officers out in the community and would like to see them out even more.

Christian Verkest - Graduated from Sherwood High School in 2012. Attended PCC immediately following, while working full time. He plans to eventually get his Bachelor's Degree. His family moved to Sherwood in 2004 when his Dad got a job here. Christian was a track athlete in high school and a kicker in football. After high school, he tried out for the Portland Thunder where he made 3rd place. It was a good experience for him. He was an Assistant Track Coach at Sherwood High School for one year where he realized that he really likes helping others. He announced that he is engaged to be married at the end of August. He has two younger siblings. He worked at AMR as mechanic for a while, as well. Eventually, he would like to work as a Police Officer or as a Prison Guard.

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His concerns include speeding as well as the legalization of marijuana and drugs in schools. He shared a story of a friend who overdosed and stated that he knows of kids going from marijuana to heroine. Drugs are, apparently, pretty easy to get if someone wants them.

Chris West – Has lived in Sherwood with his family for 15 years and has four kids, total. He has been in Oregon for 30 years and was raised mostly in the Sierras. He is a 2nd generation Forester. He ran a business for 20 years through wildfire and spotted owl issues. He currently works in Wilsonville. He is, also, the first one to be called when the business alarm goes off. He stated that he has a Baby Boomer perspective on the world. He has been a member of the Tri County Gun Club for almost 30 years and has been competing for just as long with muzzle loaders, etc. He has coached just about every sport and been a Cub Master. He is currently involved in lacross. In his spare time, when he has it, he enjoys hunting, camping and golf.

In addition to his sons having an interest in law enforcement, Chris felt that being on the Police Advisory Board was a good way of giving back. He shared that there was an incident in the fall where he worked closely with the Sherwood School District and the Sherwood Police Department. He saw, first hand, how the situation was handled and stated that it was top notch.

He has concerns with the traffic flow through the growing community and feels that at some point it is going to explode. Down the road there are going to be additional opportunities and challenges when the Tualatin-Sherwood roadway is changed up. He also wants to help ensure that our Police Department gets the funding they need. Going through Washington County would be a tragedy to him. He wants to be on the PR side of promoting this Department and wants to make sure that the communication is good. He is here to help.

Chair Zwingli asked the group if they would like Angela to print out hard copies of the meeting packets in the future, or if viewing on-line is enough. The group all agreed that hard copies were not necessary.

Chair Zwingli shared that at a recent Sherwood Police Foundation meeting, City Manager Joe Gall asked her to ask the Police Advisory Board to start reaching out to others, asking questions such as how they would like the Sherwood Police Department to look and where they want to see it go. Wanting to find out if citizens are willing to fund additional positions, etc. Vice Chair Silverforb asked for a little more clarification. Chair Zwingli stated that perhaps they could speak with the Chief for more details and that they would then share with the board at the next meeting.

5. **Staff report(s)**

a. None this meeting.

6. **Citizen Comment**

Anthony Bevel, Sherwood resident at 17036 SW Lynnly Way, came forward to voice his concerns about citizens not understanding that the use of medical marijuana is for pain. Feels that some of the restrictions are marginalizing it. Stated that medical marijuana is going to be here and feels like there is an undercurrent. He has asked himself what would be the greatest fear and how kids are going to be affected? He believes that if someone (kids) is looking for drugs, they will be able to find and stated that "you're

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known by the company you keep". Mr. Bevel expressed concern about drugs being so prevalent in schools. If this is a problem in schools, everyone needs to know about this. He asked if this is a real problem for Sherwood and said that he would like to see some statistics. He stated that he knows people that use medical marijuana.

7. Adjourn (Chair)

Mr. Verkest motioned to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Ms. Miller-Juvé seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Chair Zwingli

Attest:

Angie Hass, Executive Assistant