

Broadmoor Crime Prevention & Improvement District

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

February 5, 2018, 5:30 pm

Broadmoor Methodist Church

Vice-Chair David Broussard called the meeting to order.

I. ROLL CALL

The following commissioners were present: David Broussard, Julie Brown White, Steven Graham, J. Clifford Grout & Joni Leggio. Absent: Marcelle DeSoto and Gary Littlefield

II. Approval of Minutes from October 30, 2017 – Cliff Grout moved, seconded by Joni Leggio and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from October 30, 2017.

III. Financial Report – Linda Alwood presented the year-end financial report to the board on behalf of the Treasurer Joni Leggio. After review, Cliff Grout moved, seconded by Julie Brown White and unanimously carried to accept the financial report as presented. A resident of the subdivision asked that we break out the amount the Sheriff charges to collect the fee each year.

The board reviewed a proposed budget for 2018. The budget includes a projection of \$187,000 income, which includes the addition of North Broadmoor. Linda advised the board that after the budget was prepared, she learned from our insurance agent that our D & O coverage premium will be the same this year. Also, our general liability insurance should not go up with the addition of the security cameras on poles. In fact, it might go down. The proposed budget shows \$23,393 in excess prior to any increase in the police patrol that is being considered by the board. The board tabled the vote on the budget until the end of this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Private Police Patrol Statistics: Cliff Grout presented a report showing crime statistics for all of 2017. He said the officers have been focusing on traffic citations. All items were down except for vehicle burglaries, and these were targets of opportunity where individuals left their vehicle unlocked. Most of these incidents were kids, and most have been caught. In meeting with Sergeant Evans, Grout was told that Broadmoor and Sherwood Forest have the lowest crime rate in Baton Rouge. Evans advised Grout that the State Police are now paid \$60 per hour for outside work, and with the increase in crime districts, there is competition to get the good officers to work for our district. We currently pay \$30, and Evans asked that it be increased to \$35. Grout said he had not verified the \$60 figure with State Police, and he said he needs to see what other crime districts pay. Alwood said she had contact information for some of the other Crime Districts and would forward to Grout. Also, we need to determine the extra hours projected to cover North Broadmoor. Cliff Grout moved, seconded by Joni Leggio and unanimously carried to ask the Chair to appoint a small committee to study this and make a recommendation to the board. He asked that a special meeting be scheduled to discuss due to the timeliness of the issue.

- B) New Attorney Contract: Sheri Morris, the current attorney for the district, has changed law firms as of January 1, 2018. Julie Brown White moved, seconded by Cliff Grout to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-001

A Resolution of the Broadmoor Crime Prevention and Improvement District Board of Commissioners for employment of special counsel.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 42:263 authorizes the retention of special counsel by any local or state board upon a statement of reasons why such counsel is necessary and upon the approval by the Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, the Broadmoor Crime Prevention and Improvement District Board of Commissioners ("District") created by La. R.S. 33:9097.8 is in need of special counsel with experience, training, and expertise in representing public agencies to advise and represent the District; and

WHEREAS, Sheri M. Morris and the law firm of Daigle, Fisse & Kessenich, PLC, have extensive expertise in representing public agencies and have agreed to represent the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED by the Broadmoor Crime Prevention and Improvement District Board of Commissioners in regular session duly convened:

Section I – This District does hereby request approval pursuant to La. R.S. 46:263 to employ the law firm of Daigle, Fisse & Kessenich, PLC as special counsel to advise and represent this District.

Section II – Said law firm shall be paid for services by the District in accordance with attached contract (Exhibit A).

Section III – The employment authorized by this Resolution is effective retroactive to the first date said law firm began working with the Broadmoor Crime Prevention and Improvement District.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Commissioners Broussard, Leggio, Graham, Grout, and White

NAYS: None

ABSENT: DeSoto and Littlefield

and the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 5th day of February 2018.

- C) Engagement Letter with CPA: Cliff Grout moved, seconded by Julie Brown White and unanimously carried to approve authorizing the Chair to sign the engagement letter with Hawthorn Waymouth and Carroll to act as the CPA firm for the district.

- D) Renewal of D & O Insurance: Joni Leggio moved, seconded by Julie Brown White and unanimously carried to approve renewal of the D & O Insurance through Travelers at the same rate as last year.

OLD BUSINESS

- A) Security Cameras Committee: Steven Graham gave the board an overview of the work the committee has done to collect data from other districts as they work to develop an RFP for security cameras in Broadmoor. Linda Alwood told the board that it became apparent when collecting the data that it is important to set up a policy to handle the cameras prior to their installation. The committee has two sample policies from two other districts that can be considered.
- B) New Banners Committee: The committee did not have a consensus to recommend banners for purchase this year but they have agreed to meet and make this recommendation at the next board meeting.
- C) Possible Increase in fee per year: The board tabled any discussion of this item for now.

Joni Leggio moved, seconded by Steven Graham and unanimously carried to approve the proposed Budget for 2018 as presented, with the understanding the budget can be amended at a future date.

IV. Open Forum

Ms. Glenda Foster addressed the board. She said that Marge Hathorn, who addressed the board last month relative to group homes, was incorrect in stating the group homes effect the value of the subdivision homes. Ms. Foster said she has been a real estate agent for many years, and she has not seen this. If the group homes are maintained properly we would have no issues. Ellen Grout said she thinks there needs to be more oversight of these homes to make sure the welfare of these residents is protected. Ms. Foster agreed.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Julie Brown White and unanimously carried the meeting adjourned.

Julie Brown White, Secretary