

Broadmoor Property Owners Association

501 87th Street, Broadmoor Vlg, CA 94015
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August 17, 2023 - 7:00pm | Monthly Meeting

Location - Community Center 501 87th Street, Broadmoor Vlg, CA 94015

Attendees - Christine Taliva'a-Aguerre, Rebecca Husted, Hayley Warsinske, John Aguerre, Anna-Marie Chavez-Rey, David Smith, James Kucharszky

Absent: Tyler Rettig

Audience Attendance:

Minutes

1. Call to Order (7:00)
2. Pledge of Allegiance (7:00)
3. Welcome (7:00)
 - a. President Christine Taliva'a-Aguerre
 - b. Introduction of the executive board
 - c. Introduction of dignitaries
 - i. Sandie Arnott - Treasurer - Tax Collector
 - ii. Mike Callagy - San Mateo County manager
 - iii. Tony Bayudan and Bill Silverfarb - representatives from Supervisor Canepa's Office
 - iv. John Duncan - recently retired Broadmoor PD Commander
 - v. Mike Connolly - current Broadmoor PD Chief
 - vi. Robert Bartoli - LAFCO
 - d. Moment of silence for Broadmoor Resident Rex Arnott
4. Minutes (7:02)
 - a. Motion to accept: Rebecca
 - b. Second: James
 - c. All in favor
5. Treasurer's Report (7:03)
 - a. Motion to accept: John
 - b. Second: Hayley
 - c. All in favor
6. Assessments and Grapevine (7:04)
 - a. Early September

- b. Committee to research increasing the annual assessment
 - i. Current assessment is \$8
 - ii. Public Question:
 - 1. Can we pay the assessments online? Not yet, but we are working on it.
 - iii. Working to increase the assessment into the double digits
 - iv. Looking into 5 year billing for the assessments to save cost on postage
 - v. Public Comment: Suggestion to look into using eventbrite as a mode of digital payment for the dues, as a non-profit they may not charge us a fee
- c. September 30th Pasta Dinner
 - i. Free
 - ii. Pasta, wine, bingo
 - iii. Must be paid up on your dues

Discussion: Potential Suspension of the Broadmoor Police Department

- 7. Police Chief Report (7:07)
 - a. We will skip the crime report, minimal this month
 - b. Update on the financial status of the BPD
 - i. Broadmoor PD has always has a pretty tight budget, but has managed on the funds available
 - 1. Assessment and taxes make-up the entire BPD budget
 - ii. A few years ago the BPD had some budgetary issues largely due to CalPERS
 - 1. From July 2021-today BPD has spent >\$300,000 on legal fees dealing with the issues pertaining to CalPERS
 - a. This litigation is designed to protect the department and the police protection district
 - 2. In response to legal issues the BPD insurance has increased to \$645,000 per year totaling \$939,000 since July 2021
 - 3. Recently, some bills were lost and went to collection
 - a. BPD is working to pay these bills
 - iii. There is a discrepancy between the funds the BPD accounted for and the (BPD) funds San Mateo County accounted for
 - 1. Last Friday BPD determined there are enough funds to get through the next 2 weeks
 - 2. BPD is expecting money coming in from San Mateo County, totaling around \$400,000

- a. This means the BPD will not have to furlough officers
- iv. We have averted the fiscal problem for the moment, but there is still a long term fiscal problem. We still lack a financial sustainability plan.
 - 1. BPD needs commerce to establish a sustainability plan
 - 2. BPD proposed to be contracted by the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office at a lower rate. This proposal was rejected by the Sheriff's office and the San Mateo County manager.
 - 3. BPD requested a loan from San Mateo County and was denied.
 - 4. The BPD suspects that funds will be sufficient to make it to December 10th, but this does not equal financial sustainability
- v. Chief Connolly spoke with Daly City's City manager, there is a possibility to contract with Daly City Police Department
- vi. The Broadmoor Police Commission does have a voice with San Mateo County
- vii. When HMB, San Carlos, Millbrae, Woodside/Portola were acquiesced to the Sheriff's department, their officers were hired by the Sheriff's department
 - 1. The Sheriff's department is not looking to take BPD officers
 - 2. There are concerns that the Sheriff's office will not have the ability to be present in Broadmoor and get to know the residents
- viii. If residents of Broadmoor want to keep our police department, what measures are we willing to take?
- ix. Public Questions: Did you say there are no businesses in Broadmoor?
 - 1. There are some businesses but very few
 - 2. There are a large number of tax exempt properties in Broadmoor
 - a. BART, schools, veterans/disabled veterans properties, some Daly City offices, large scale apartment complexes with high percentage of low-income properties
 - b. When annexations by Daly City occurred, it was primarily commercial properties
- x. Public Comment: Broadmoor does not collect sales taxes from businesses in Broadmoor, that money all goes to San Mateo County.

- xi. Public Question: Some of our property taxes go to San Mateo County, does some of that come back to fund the BPD?
 - 1. A fraction of a percentage goes back to the BPD
 - 2. Last year the police assessment was \$483, this year will go up to \$507
- xii. Public Question: With regards to our limited revenue sources, are there bond funds from San Mateo County that can augment the police department rather than raising the assessment?
 - 1. No, there have never been county funds provided to Broadmoor, loans or otherwise.
- xiii. Public Question: What is the amount of money that goes to the BPD?
 - 1. Annually it is in the range of 2.8 - 3.3 million dollars
 - 2. Special tax (assessment) brings in around 600k annually, the rest is from property tax
- xiv. Public Question: Do we get any money from San Mateo County or the state?
 - 1. No, we do not.
- xv. Public Question: The police department is in a bind because of financial mismanagement. We have never heard from the police commission, what does the police commission do to prevent these things?
 - 1. Chief Connolly: The Chief of Police is responsible for preparing the budget, it is sent to the commissioners for discussion. If the Chief does not send an honest budget, the commissioners have no way to know.
 - 2. James Kucharszky: Commissioner and local firefighter. Some of the practices that occurred in ~2012 have been cleaned up but it has taken some resources.
- xvi. Public Comment: Painful as it might be to say, I would love to have a word or two with the police commission "from back in the day". It appears that the commission just hires the Chief and rubber stamps whatever the Chief says. I just don't see the light at the end of the tunnel. Are we going to make it for 2 weeks, or until December?
 - 1. Chief Connolly feels that we will get to December, but we have salaries and bills to pay.
- xvii. Public Comment: I want to keep the BPD, but the commissioners need to understand the reports. Do they need to have a specific skill set, should we have more than 3 people? In order for the

community to feel comfortable paying more, we want to be confident that this will not happen again.

- xviii. Possible use of the Broadmoor Community Center for Broadmoor Police Commission meeting
- xix. Navigation of expenditures for Broadmoor Police Department available online (BPD website)
 - 1. Information regarding what occurred at the closed door 3:00pm meeting
- xx. Issues still pending with CalPERS
- xxi. A resolution voted on by the police commission to raise police assessment by 5% and sent to San Mateo County for approval
 - 1. A second assessment is a possibility to raise additional funds and makeup for the lack of assessment increases over the years
 - a. Possible amount \$280 paid in two increments of \$140
- xxii. Possible ballot initiative to update police funding in Broadmoor
- xxiii. Sustainability plan to bulk up the BPD funding reserves
 - 1. 2 volunteers to look into this
- xxiv. Public Comment: David Smith - as a homeowners association we are trying to represent Broadmoor Property Owners. There is a willingness to keep the Broadmoor PD and pay for it which seems positive. We want to keep the community ready for an emergency. Volunteer to facilitate with the Broadmoor police commission, Would like to see a meeting at the community center.
- xxv. Public Question: Why is the percentage of outside agency assists so high (90%) for the BPD?
 - 1. Chief Connolly says these assists do occur
 - 2. Rob Bartoli says the percentage is not like 15-20%

8. Response from Mr. Callagy (County Manager) (7:23)

- a. There is no legal path to contract from another organization
- b. Sheriff is will to put 2 cars in Broadmoor in addition to the regional car at no additional cost to the residents (for a temporary time period)
- c. If for some reason the district is not able to make budget the Sheriff's Office will step in with deputies
- d. Public Question: Christine Taliva'a-Aguerre - Press release from San Mateo County specifies surge from property taxes. 10% of this surge should go to special districts, will Broadmoor get any of this money? Yes, that is proportional to the revenue from the district.

- e. Public Question: How can the Sheriff's Office guarantee the level of service, and why don't we have a say in which department will police us?
 - i. The Sheriff's department feels that they provide quality service.
 - ii. The district can decide to contract with another department, the Sheriff's office is here to make sure we do not have a lapse in service.
- f. Public Question: Is it a done deal that the Broadmoor Police department is going to be suspended?
 - i. The Sheriff's office is a safety net, they are not trying to take over Broadmoor if the BPD is still intact.
- g. Public Question: Should we be talking about the sustainability/suspension of the BPD?
 - i. Response from Christine Taliva'a-Aguerre: the BPD is working to assess sustainability.
- h. Public Question: Why is the Police Commission not at this meeting?
 - i. The Brown act precludes them from being here if that constitutes a quorum.