

CHESHIRE PRISON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

CHESHIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT
500 HIGHLAND AVENUE
CHESHIRE CT 06410

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2014

Committee Members Present: Representing the Town of Cheshire: Melissa Flynn, Margie Rodgers, and Joseph Holstein. From the correctional institutions: Bryan Viger and Lauren Powers. Representing the Cheshire Police Dept. Brian Pichnarcik.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm by Lieutenant Brian Pichnarcik. The assembled body saluted the flag. Lieutenant Pichnarcik welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Acceptance of 12/9/2013 and 4/4/2014 minutes: The minutes were accepted as submitted unanimously.

Update on the Cheshire Facilities:

John Alves, Warden of the Manson Youth Institution, emailed his report, including a census of 556 inmates. There have been no incidents of significance. They participate in the Code Red notifications. He provided a facility tour for Mr. Sanders last week.

Captain Bryan Viger, Administrative Captain of the Cheshire Correctional Institution and Cheshire Annex, reported a census of 1398 inmates. There have been no incidents of significance.

Lauren Powers, Director of the Maloney Center for Training and Staff Development, reported a class of 160 cadets just completed their training. Another class of 175 cadets will be starting on Friday.

Ms. Rodgers asked how residents sign up for the Code Red system. Lieutenant Pichnarcik replied that residents can sign up for the Code Red Notification system on the Town of Cheshire website (www.cheshirect.org) or call him directly at the Police Department for assistance.

New Business:

Ms. Rodgers was contacted by a resident on Curve Hill Road complaining about noise during recreation periods at the CCI facility. Ms. Rodgers directed the resident to contact CCI directly. Captain Viger spoke with the resident, visited his residence, researched the complaint (finding no excess noise or profanity used) and reported back

to the resident. Ms. Rodgers complimented the timely and thorough response from CCI. This resident had also tried to contact Ms. Flynn.

Old Business

Lieutenant Pichnarcik asked for an update on the Fire School planned to be built on DOC property in Cheshire. The committee members did not know the current status.

Ms. Rodgers commented that she continues to noise from the firing range during the summer; it is very noisy between 11am-1pm, and very loud on cloudy days. She shared a recording of the firing range noise taken on her cell phone that she recorded on May 15th at 1pm from her front porch. Ms. Powers reported that the DOC did a complete sound study 3-4 years ago, and found the firing range to be well within Federal guidelines for both indoor and outdoor ranges. Mr. Noffsinger had discussed this concern at the December 9, 2013 meeting.

Committee members are still interested in having a tour of the DOC facilities in Cheshire. Warden Alves at MYI and Captain Viger at CCI are happy to set up those tours. The members discussed time and date availability. Lieutenant Pichnarcik will try to arrange a tour for early September and notify the committee members.

The Committee entered into Executive Session at 5:18 p.m. for the purpose of discussing status of the chair. **MOTION:** To adjourn to Executive Session. Moved by Margie Rodgers, seconded by Joseph Holstein. **APPROVED.** Vote: Unanimous.

The Executive Session ended at 5:20 p.m. and the Board voted to return to Regular Session. **MOTION:** To adjourn to Regular Session. Moved by Brian Pichnarcik, seconded by Joseph Holstein. **APPROVED.** Vote: Unanimous.

The Committee discussed the 2014 Committee Meeting Date schedule and decided they would prefer to meet on Mondays. The committee agreed to change the next meeting date from Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014 to Monday, Sept. 8, 2014. The remaining 2014 meeting dates for the Prison Advisory Committee will be: Monday, September 8, 2014 and Monday, December 8, 2014. Town Hall will be notified of the meeting schedule change.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m. **MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting. Moved by Margie Rodgers, seconded by Melissa Flynn. **APPROVED.** Vote: Unanimous.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Prison Advisory Committee is scheduled for Monday, September 8, 2014 at 5:00pm at the Cheshire Police Department.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathy Kirby
Recording Clerk