

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 27, 2018  
10:00 A.M.  
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING**

**Members Present:** Councilmember William Cruz Shaw, Chair, *District 2*  
Councilmember Greg Brockhouse, *District 6*  
Councilmember Ana Sandoval, *District 7*  
Councilmember John Courage, *District 9*  
Councilmember Clayton Perry, *District 10*

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**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Erik Walsh, *Deputy City Manager*; Rod Sanchez, *Assistant City Manager*; Charles Hood, *Fire Chief, SAFD*; Chris Monestier, *Assistant Chief, SAFD*; Michael Shannon, *Director, Development Services Department*; Robert Blanton, *Captain, SAPD*; Troy Torres, *Captain, SAPD*; Denice F. Treviño, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Others Present:** Myra Lopez, *Executive Assistant, Crosspoint*; Kevin J. Downey, Ph.D., *President and CEO, Crosspoint*

**Call to order**

Chairman Shaw called the meeting to order.

**1. Approval of the February 27, 2018 Public Safety Council Committee meeting minutes**

Councilmember Brockhouse moved to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2018 Public Safety Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Citizens to be Heard**

There were no citizens registered to speak.

**Items for Consideration:**

**2. Briefing on Crosspoint. [Presented by Dr Kevin Downey, Chief Executive Officer]**

Dr. Kevin Downey reviewed the history of Crosspoint which was founded in 1963 and spoke of the various services they provide. He stated that Crosspoint was a residential support services provider which served individuals released from Federal Prisons. He noted that Crosspoint was seeking to fill a critical service gap by opening a 100-bed residential re-entry center for those citizens returning from State Prison. He stated that

while this was insufficient to fully address the service gap; it would provide essential programming for those individuals with the highest risk of recidivism. He noted the Crosspoint programs were centered around: 1) Collaboration with other service providers; 2) Accountability; and 3) Evidence-based activities. He stated that the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) would release a Request for Proposals (RFPs) for State transitional beds. He noted that approximately 7,000 formerly incarcerated citizens return to San Antonio from State and Federal Prisons every 12 months. He stated that Crosspoint currently served approximately 500 to 600 of these returning citizens in their residential re-entry centers every year. He noted that these centers currently served only those individuals released from Federal Prisons. He stated that since no local organization provided similar programming for State Prison releases, that meant that roughly 6,000 individuals were returning to San Antonio every 12 months from State Prisons without benefit of residential transition services. He noted that besides limiting the opportunities for addressing the challenges of community integration and successful family reunification; this proposed a public safety problem. He requested support and guidance from the Committee. He stated that the RFP would be released within the next two weeks.

Councilmember Courage asked if the TDCJ would want services performed in one location or multiple locations. Dr. Downey replied that one location would be suitable.

Councilmember Brockhouse asked of the square footage for a 100-bed facility. Dr. Downey stated that said facility would be approximately 20,000 square feet in size.

Councilmember Sandoval asked if there were other entities in San Antonio performing this work. Dr. Downey replied that he knew of none.

Councilmember Perry requested data on the success rate of the program.

No action was required for Item 2.

**3. Briefing on the 2018 Fire Code Amendments. [Presented by Charles Hood, Fire Chief]**

Chris Monestier stated that the International Code Council published new codes every three years and that codes were reviewed and ultimately adopted as a package. He noted that staff had been reviewing the code since last year. He reviewed the amendment process and noted that hearings were held by the Building Related and Fire Codes Appeals and Advisory Board. He stated that said board was comprised of design and industry professionals and members were appointed by the City Council. He noted that the board assigned Subcommittees to review the codes. He stated that Draft A of the code was reviewed over three open meetings with stakeholders and Draft B would be presented at a hearing on April 18, 2018. He noted that the Subcommittees would subsequently recommend approval by the full board and the full board would review the Subcommittee's recommendations. He stated that recommendations approved by the board would be brought before the full City Council. He reviewed the significant

changes and amendments to the code. He noted that the San Antonio Fire Department would update the Committee when the process was complete and ready for adoption. He stated that the codes would be brought before the full City Council in late spring.

Councilmember Courage asked if alarms would be located in units or in the hallway. Mr. Monestier replied that alarms would be installed in both.

Councilmember Sandoval asked if there was anything in the changes that were the result of the May 2017 fire. Mr. Monestier replied that there were not. Councilmember Sandoval asked of the number of members on the Advisory Board. Mr. Monestier stated that there were 17 members plus alternates on the Advisory Board.

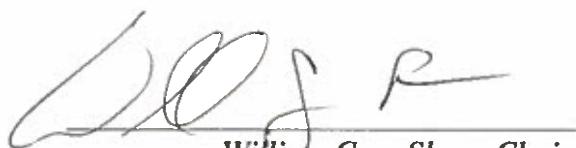
No action was required for Item 3.

#### **Consideration of items for future meetings**

There were no items considered for future meetings.

#### **Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



William Cruz Shaw, Chair

*Respectfully Submitted*

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*Denice F. Trevino, Office of the City Clerk*

