

**Piedmont City Council
Resolution 10-10**

Creating a Public Safety Committee

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the charge of the Public Safety Committee as follows:

More and more Piedmont residents are concerned about increasing public safety and have expressed interest in strengthening the partnership between the police/fire departments, and residents. The Piedmont Public Safety Committee shall identify achievable, low cost, short-term and long-term actions that the City and its residents may take to address these concerns. Its efforts shall focus on the following areas:

1. Design and implement public education and awareness programs, including but not limited to, crime reduction strategies, community outreach, engagement of citizen volunteers and disaster preparedness throughout the City. Organize City-wide education and training of residents by holding a Disaster Preparedness event in collaboration with the School District during the year. Actively encourage and work collaboratively with residents to organize training sessions on disaster preparedness and neighborhood crime watch.
2. Establish a formal relationship between members of both the Police and Fire Departments and designated neighborhoods where individual police officers and firefighters are assigned to provide a personal police and fire contact to answer concerns and/or questions.
3. Investigate ways and make informed recommendations on how to increase communication and coordination between the Police and Fire Departments and between those departments and the community in the event of natural disaster or other City wide emergency.
4. Investigate and apply for grants that would potentially fund the activities and recommendations of the Committee.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the following additional rules shall apply to the Committee:

1. The Committee shall be comprised of five members. One member of the public shall be appointed by the City Council. One member of the public shall be appointed by the School Board. One member shall be the Chief of Police or his designee. One member shall be the Chief of Fire or his designee. The Committee chair shall be appointed by the City Council upon recommendation by a subcommittee consisting of the Mayor and the councilmember appointed as liaison to the committee. In addition, two non-voting members, one representing the City Council and the other representing the Piedmont Board of Education shall act as liaisons to the Committee. The Council may appoint other non-voting members to the Committee at its discretion.
2. The Committee shall meet at a regular date and time to be collaboratively determined based on the schedules of its members, on a monthly basis. All meetings shall be open to the public, and shall include an opportunity for public comment and feedback.
3. The Committee shall begin meeting in April 2010. Each quarter thereafter it shall report in writing to the City Council, with the first report to be prepared by July 1, 2010, and thereafter on October 1, 2010, January 1, 2011 and a final report to be prepared by April 1, 2011.

4. The Committee shall terminate on April 30, 2011 unless the City Council takes action to continue the Committee.
5. The Committee is an advisory body to the City Council and is not an independent decision-making body. All of its recommendations regarding public safety are subject to discussion and approval of the City Council.
6. The Committee shall limit its discussion to the four areas stated above. Its focus shall be on tangible, practical, cost-effective actions that can be implemented at the local level; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Councilmember Fujioka shall serve as the Council liaison and non-voting member of the Committee.

Moved by Chiang, Seconded by Fujioka

Ayes: Friedman, Barbieri, Chiang, Fujioka, Keating

Noes: None

Absent: None

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