



Manchester Citizens Advisory Council

Minutes of September 7, 2021 MCAC Meeting Virtual ZOOM Meeting 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Carol Malmquist at 6:34 p.m.

County representatives: Sheriff John Gese, Jennifer Haro

Members in attendance: Carol Malmquist, Ray Pardo, Janelle Overton, Robin Williams, Amber Brown, Paul Nuchims

Absences: Kari Kaltenborn-Corey, Carrilu Thompson

Excused Absences: Scott Billingsley, Denise Burbidge

Guests in Attendance: Terence, Susan Shaw, Zoni Hansen, Crystal Batlle

Laurieann Aladdin will be stepping down from the MCAC board.

John Gese is the newly appointed Sheriff, filling the position vacated by Gary Simpson. He is bringing his 30 years of experience to the Sheriff's Office to help adapt to Covid-19 related challenges, including low staffing, Covid-19 outbreaks and more.

Janelle Overton asked about the staffing situation. John Gese clarified that 10% of budgeted positions are vacant, and they are trying to fill with more diverse staffing. Zoni Hansen asked what types of policies John Gese plans to promote in office. He confirmed that although pricey, body cameras are a main goal for the department. Community attendees, Terence, Susan Shaw and Zoni Hansen share concerns of local crime rising and wonder what citizens can do to help law enforcement. There was discussion about a vagrant who was living on a derelict sailboat who steals things from waterfront properties. John Gese suggests that citizens continue to report and take pictures of violations.

Review and approve August minutes:

Ray Pardo moved to pass with corrections. Paul Nuchims seconds. The minutes were passed unanimously with corrections.

Member Items:

The Manchester Flea Market and Festival was a huge success. Many community members attended and hosted booths, including South Kitsap High School ASB representatives who plan to attend future Manchester Festivals.



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Ray Pardo shared that the library solar panels have been operating for about a month.

Paul Nuchims is hosting art classes in his backyard. Attend September 8th at 3:00pm.

The group questioned why some traffic projects have been postponed. Carol Malmquist clarified that other projects may have higher priority.

The next MCAC meeting will be October 5th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM.

Janelle Overton motions to adjourn the meeting. Robin Williams seconds. Passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned 7:33 p.m.