

Summary of Discussion
Broward County Charter Review Commission
Public Safety Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday, July 17, 2007
Broward County Main Library- 100 South Andrews Avenue
6th Floor-Bienes Conference Room
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Members Present:

Dr. Mark Lieberman, Chair
Mayor, Debby Eisinger, Vice-Chair
Commissioner, Ted Mena
Mr. G. Wil Trower

Members Absent:

Mr. Robert Penezic, Esq.
Commissioner, Hayward Benson
Ms. H.K. "Petey" Kaletta

Others Attending:

Colonel John G. Auer, Executive Director, Department of Law Enforcement
Mr. Joe Benavides, President of Broward County Council of Professional Firefighters
Richard Carpani, Director Communication Technology, BSO
Ed Curran, Lauderhill Fire Rescue
Nancy Dzoba, Public Safety Communications Manager, BSO
Chedley Etienne, Administrative Assistant, CRC
Tom Gallagher, Pembroke Pines Fire Department
Yolanda Grooms, Administrative Specialist, CRC
Maria Gross, Assistant Director, CRC
Alain Jean, BSO
Phyllis A. King, Transcriber, PKING Consulting
Chief Kenneth Pachnek, Lauderhill Police Department
Chief John Picarello, Pembroke Pines Fire Department
James E. Saunders III, Esq.
Patricia G. West, Executive Director
Mel Wilson, Esq.

(A copy of the sign-in sheets identifying those present is filed with the supplemental papers to the summary of this Subcommittee Meeting.)

A meeting of the Broward County Charter Review Public Safety Subcommittee “Committee, Subcommittee, or PSSC”, was held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17, 2007 at the Broward County Main Library – 100 South Andrews Avenue, 6th Floor Bienes Conference Room, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311.

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Chair Dr. Mark Lieberman called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m. with a quorum present. He then requested the roll call by Phyllis A. King, PKING Consulting, Inc. Upon completion of the roll, he advised the dais that there were two guest speakers present, Chief Kenneth Pachnek of Lauderhill and Mr. Joe Benavides. He asked dais members to keep comments to a minimum to allow time for discussion.

II. Approval Summary of Discussion from June 13th, 2007 Meeting

The Chair MOTIONED to accept with Scriveners’ corrections to errors as follows:

- **Page 6, last paragraph change “pause to clause”,**
- **Page 7, 1st paragraph, change “pendant district to dependent district”**
- **Page 7, last sentence, change “appropriate to inappropriate”; and**
- **Page 13, change “proposed to purposed”**

Ms. Eisinger SECONDED, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the Public Safety Subcommittee June 13 Summary of Discussion.

The Chair advised the dais that staff provided in their dais folders a Summary of Issues summarizing items of discussion from April 11th thru June 13, 2007. He added that members should look through the summaries to remind themselves of what has already been discussed.

The Chair introduced Chief Pachnek.

III. Presentation – Representative of Broward County Police Chiefs Association

Chief Pachnek: Good Afternoon everyone, I am your representative from the Broward County Police Chief’s Association and I have now – this is my fourth meeting that I have been to and I just want to give you an idea of my thoughts of what I have heard and seen so far. I am supportive of what this subcommittee is trying to do and from a Law Enforcement perspective – especially the area of communication – one of the 8 cities that the Broward Sheriff’s Office dispatch for – so by the click of a channel I can talk to somebody in Cooper City or somebody in

Parkland. But I have a hard time communicating with my neighbors Plantation or Sunrise, and that's where the problems of Law Enforcement come in – and talk about having representation – I will be one of the representatives and that is an area I would like for Law Enforcement to help concentrate on. I also understand about on the Fire Council itself about representation. There was a suggestion to have representation there. I think two people will be sufficient from Law Enforcement to be on that particular committee and again I would rather be one of the two that are on there, and whatever recommendations you have or input that you need please let me know and I will bring it back to the Broward Police Chief's Association where all the Cities are represented there along with the FBI, DEA and a lot of State Attorney Offices and so on and so forth.

The Chair reminded the dais of prior discussions regarding the scope of the Fire Rescue Council and making it a Public Safety Council incorporating Police with Public Safety and communications. He further advised that there are two assigned Law Enforcement Officers on the committee currently; and asked Chief Pachnek if he felt increasing the scope would be beneficial.

Chief Pachnek: Absolutely, in the areas of communication for all kinds of various cases.

The Chair asked if any of the dais members had any questions.

Mr. Mena added that he would like to see the major Cities involved.

The Chair stated the composition of the Public Safety Council.

The Chair gave Mr. Benavides the Floor.

Mr. Benavides: I am Joe Benavides and I am representative for Broward County Council of Professional Firefighters. I have been following this very closely and I think you are trying to challenge yourselves to do some valuable input from everybody trying to get everything in. I think everybody want to be a part of it. I did read the part where you expand into the Cities for the Police and everything. Personally police should be on board the program. Having all the Cities involved probably wouldn't help us get anywhere. Having the Police Chiefs Association and the Sheriff's Office clearly localizes them onto one path with a common goal to send Firefighters – I mean I would love to have all my Cities represented. We have different people who have different challenges or different pension programs, different response protocols, but the reality is the Council does represent the political voice of the firefighters. I mean if you want to get the Police Chief's – Fire Chief Association – that's another avenue such as the Police

Chief's Association – I don't have a problem with it – but I would have a problem once we start seeing competitive values and home-rule come into something that clearly is a service delivery on the County-wide scale set.

The Chair asked Mr. Benavides if he believes that Broward County needs more Fire Rescue representation or Police.

Mr. Benavides: Personally I don't think so. I mean I know everybody's got a different thought process, but truly the League of Cities they have their representatives, the Council we have our representative (I have some members here today) reality is if they don't like what I am saying then they will bring me back to the next meeting and then tell me about it. So the voice of my group is very clear the voice from the Fire Chief Association, I mean they have been at all the meetings. I think you have heard some good and bad from the Fire Chief Association, I am not going to try to salvage them or help them. Reality is you have a lot of different opinions out there. The Firefighters just want to serve the community as a whole. I am not a Fire Chief and don't aspire to be one I represent many men in the field. We just want to get a coordinated response system that is directed.

The Chair advised that there was a discussion on Minimum Standards and giving the Fire Rescue Council the authority to recommend what the Standards should be. He then asked Mr. Benavides for his opinion.

Mr. Benavides: I am a little bias but I will be honest with you. The facts are you have the League of Cities represented, you have the County officials represented, you have the Police represented, you have the Firefighters represented, the only issue is that you don't have represented the Attorney population that represents those Cities and I am glad. Because I think the 9 of us can actually come up with what we would like to see developed and then direct those Attorney's and those municipalities to put the language that we all feel is comfortable language and try to morph that into something that we can work with.

I think the people that are on the Fire Rescue Communications Council the Medical Examiners, the Doctors, you know the Police, we have one interest of value is to be able to respond seamlessly to all calls and not put that imaginary boundary in the way – which is in the way today so I think what you have is good I would love to see 3 or 4 more Firefighter union guys represented. But I think what you've got is a fair balance. The truth of the matter is the Firefighters are clearly out numbered. But I never had a problem with numbers as long as we represent the value of what we have been asked to do in our careers. And I think just me

standing here is one single voice or vote on the Council clearly I have done my job to deliver the message that we want a seamless response protocol County-wide under the same Standards. I mean our voice is clear and I would always like more but I think what you have is fair.

Ms. Eisinger stated that she would defer to the different unions and organizations to ensure there is representation of all municipalities but at a manageable number. She added that they should also look at the composition of the Board.

The Chair advised that those issues will be discussed among the dais members.

The Chair asked if there were any other questions or if anyone from the audience would like to speak. There being none.

The Dais took a 5 minutes break to review the Summary of Issues provided by CRC staff.

IV. Discussion of Report on Recommendations for Proposed Ballot Topics

The Chair inquired about page 3 of the Summary 4/23/07, advised that the issue will be tabled for now.

Ms. Eisinger asked if there were anyone from BSO, Police or Fire that would like to comment on EOC.

Ms. Gross made a correction changing 00 to 800 radio trunk system.

The Chair asked if the audience had comments or suggestions.

Ms. Eisinger asked Colonel Auer for his thoughts on EOC.

Colonel Auer: The comments that I would have is that they have had some discussions about location of emergency backups and Public Communications equipment. As you know the Public Safety Building now houses about 75% of the County's infrastructure and Dispatch Center is not capable of withstanding an average storm much less a serve storm. So we were looking at and EOC came into those discussions about continuity and redundancy. So in terms of getting the EOC more involved, it would be prudent to have discussions with them. But as far as equipment and operations at the County EOC, the backup dispatched site had been located there but it's more allocated now to more of a 311 operation. It is a large space with Dispatchers and consoles. It's better utilized for 311 operations, as you know it gets busy when storms occur and in times of crisis. So currently we are looking for – and I think we may have a

location for the backup of our equipment. But in terms of actual dispatching operation for the 911 calls to go to that is still something that needs to be figured out. The County and the Fire Rescue Council has been discussing some plans – Mr. Carpani has the Regional Plan and he has been discussing.

The Chair clarified that this is communications to the public, he adding that according to the EOC the County is not doing anything specific, but the County suggested something similar to an Amber Alert Broadcast, he then asked if that would be useful.

Colonel Auer: It's not something that has come up in our discussions; the EOC is run separately from the Sheriff's Office and other governmental agencies.

Mr. Benavides: I can say the EOC – all those things are great, but one of the places that we have missed a boat on clearly is when we know there is a storm coming 72 hours in advance or even 96 hours in advance, we know where know where this cone is and everything. The reality is TV goes on and on with this 24 hour stuff and there is not enough public safety stuff in there whether it be in regions, quadrants, or Cities I think there should be more “this is your local emergency number” and this will explain to the people that there will be a grid search after this – I mean just let them know what our process is as we start rolling out the things that has our plans for water sites or whatever sites at 4 or 5 of them. Which we should be planning on right now instead of this Amber Alert, we are now doing. Clearly we have the ability to – and we wait until the storm actually hits when most of the people public announcement systems are all there. So the reality is we should have a better system in place 96 or 72 hours so people clearly can be advised where the certain shelters you want to be in, where one is going to be, and what certain time the response is going to be from the public safety community of Police and Fire. Because people are always wondering when are we going to be out there to help them after 45 mile an hour winds, 85 mile an hour winds – you know there's a certain – everybody does it a little different. So if we could have a common theme of where we are, what we are going to do, where the certain response or shelters are people will have this in their mind that they know what they have to do in case something happen. We wait and have waited until the storm appears wherever and then we focus on that area. I think if we are a region then we need to dedicate our regional facilities and then target once the storm is in the cone where we know where it is going to be in that 20 or 30 mile area. So we are not doing that.

Ms. Eisinger asked if this can be done by including an EOC representation on the Public Safety Council.

Mr. Benavides: The Chief's Association has been trying some of that stuff right now, but everybody goes to the EOC and they don't have a public program yet. I think through grants and the Federal Government we can put together a public program that we can justify in front of an event rather than after the event.

Mr. Mena suggested that a representative from the EOC be invited to speak for the PSSC.

A general conversation ensued.

The Chair asked if they were to add a member from the EOC if that would help the issue.

Ms. Eisinger pointed out that Communication is missing, and suggested that the EOC should be a part of the Public Safety Council, and they're role outlined.

The Chair asked Mr. Benavides if they would be in favor of the EOC having a representative on the Board.

Colonel Auer: I can tell you from some of the discussions I moved through earlier with the Fire Chief's and the Police Chief's Association. There is a disconnect with the EOC and the Public Safety operations so that weighs in on the decision making process.

Mr. Mena questioned why there is a disconnect.

Colonel Auer: Every municipality and Public Safety as well as some of the Social Agencies have a relationship with the EOC. The EOC is the temporary function and it gets activated and there are rules. There are procedures some are dictated by the State. My personal experience through the Wilma Storm that came through here was that in terms of getting Public Safety access which is very prestige. For example Coral Springs got a request for additional Law Enforcement, the request went to the EOC and somehow got lost, but down to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement the next thing we know we had 20 or 40 Troopers coming down here to Coral Springs and the Sheriff Office had 100 Deputies sitting waiting 5 minutes away instead of waiting a day and that is just one of many issues that some of having to do with the protocols and the EOC rules. But in terms of public safety – not for a lack of good intent, but some of the protocols need to be addressed.

The Chair advised that he would like to move on to the vote of recommendations.

Mr. Trower referred to the Emergency Management Agency of the County; he stated that the dais will ask a representative of the County EMA to be a part of the Public Safety Council.

Chief Curran – Fire Chiefs Association: Just a little background here – this Emergency Coordinating Council that is dictated by Statute through the County Commission that has representatives from every City in Broward County that needs Emergency Coordinating issues every month. The Fire Chief’s and the Police Chief’s have made a commitment to get people to those meetings and dealt with vulnerability, fuel issues, being patient, shelters, we have surf teams, and we have a host of communities also dealing with software issues right now, and that might be something to look at. Background ability to look at your Statute’s and issues because they do have responsibilities and currently there is a resolution too – it’s called a Super Resolution to tighten up some of those requirements on that Committee.

The Chair advised that he doesn’t think there would be a down side to adding someone from the EOC on the Public Safety Council; he asked if Chief Curran had any remarks.

Chief Curran: I just think that you have to make sure that they are not over lapping what your jobs are. I think what you want to dictate on what those are – if you want to keep that Committee or the Coordinating Council to do certain things, you need to make sure that is in the language.

The Chair stated that he thought that having someone from the EOC on the Committee would help reduce the redundancy.

Chief Ed Curran: The Committee of the past has only dealt with Communication issues, and I believe that is what they were told from the last Charter Review Committee, but if they are going to expand them then I can understand why.

Mr. Benavides: Everybody here has a very keen point, but the point that you try to target in on, which is a true point is to get the value out of everybody knowing where things are going to be, how are they are going to move through the evolution of the event. The fact is every City has done emergency management coordinating; they do not interact with the Fire Department or the Police Department. They’re regular City employees that are coordinating when the City goes into emergency mode that they are going to direct the officials of emergency management or Human Resources, where their attorneys – where their financial liability and structure that they have to address. They go to the EOC and they represent their individual Cities and then if the event isn’t near them they are not involved. The reality is Broward County should have a whole coordinating County event that targets everybody’s needs prior to, during, and after the storm and we are not doing that. The EOC is involved with the organizational group – trying to get some Standards of response, closest unit communications. Then the fact the Emergency

Management prepared this portion which we didn't vote at an event, 96 hours ahead of time where they would know to bring the list up and most people in their communities have me for assistance – when I was a General Diabetic Care to the EOC staff. So our members Police and Fire respond accordingly during a storm if necessary. Because that's how we do, I mean that is what has to be done. We have to be coordinated when the storm is out of the targeted area they put everybody in the harden facility, so they say with the ability to reach out and communicate after the storm has passed the area. I think we need to define where the start time is because; I think it is that is the most valuable time.

The Chair asked if the issues could be worked out if there was someone from the EOC on the Committee.

Mr. Benavides: I think they have a real function to dedicate resources from an area of Broward County, not just the local area.

The Chair asked if there were a Motion on the floor.

Mr. Mena asked if FPL should be involved.

Chief Ed Curran: They are on the MCC as well as Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Red Cross and the South Florida Water Management District.

Mr. Trower clarified that the dais should be concerned with not only the EOC but the Broward Emergency Management Agency (BEMA). And suggested BEMA select a representative for the committee.

Mr. Trower that BEMA would select a representative for the committee in question

Mr. Trower MOTIONED that the Broward Emergency Management Agency (BEMA) would select a representative to sit on the Public Safety Council Mr. Mena SECONDED, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Eisinger asked for clarification on the Motion, she asked if there was a Motion to establish a Public Safety Council.

The Chair advised that there will be a motion to establish and Public Safety Council. He added that there was a suggestion that would change the Fire Rescue Council into the Public Safety Council for Broward County.

Mr. Mena MOTIONED to change the name of the Fire Rescue Council and rename it the Broward County Public Safety Council Ms. Eisinger SECONDED, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Chair asked if there was further discussion relevant to the Motion.

Mr. Wilson: The current name is the Broward Fire Rescue Council.

The Chair stated that the new name will be the Broward County Public Safety Council.

Mr. Trower asked Mr. Corwin if there is another organization called the Broward County Public Safety Council.

Pete Corwin Made a statement at this time which was in auditable.

Ms. West asked Mr. Corwin to repeat himself for the record.

Pete Corwin: By Statue every County is required to have a Public Safety Coordinating Council, its function by Statue is to be able to help coordinate the jail population.

The Chair asked if there were any more questions or comments.

Ms. Eisinger asked the present Public Safety representatives if they would like to comment or speak before the dais vote.

Colonel Auer: I agree with the fact – be careful on what you plan on happening to do with the Council, because there are other Councils out there that have been designated by through ordinance or resolution to do certain things. An Emergency Coordinating Council is one of them, Regional Emergency Medical Committee is another one that practically comes from the County Commission they actually have 4 Chiefs.

The Chair expressed that he feels that Minimum Standards, Police, and Emergency are the same Committee.

The Chair acknowledged that the Motion for the name change passed unanimously.

The Chair opened the floor for the discussion of Minimum Standards; he proposed to leave the decision of what Minimum Standards are up to the new Broward County Public Safety Council.

Mr. Mena MOTIONED that Broward County will decide what the Minimum Standards are for the Fire and Police Department, Mr. Trower SECONDED, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Eisinger suggested having a Roundtable discussion with representatives from the Municipalities, Fire Rescue and Police Departments.

The Chair advised that Municipalities are already well represented on the Council, he explained that his thought was to allow the Council to decide what the Standards should be .

Mr. Corwin: My question would be this Council is now an Advisory Council to the Board of County Commissioners, who is no longer in the vision of Fire Rescue Services with the exception of regional services. Now BSO is through contracts but I'm not sure how an Advisory Board with permission – basically – I am trying to wrap my – why a City would want the Board of County Commissioner to pass or approve Standards, which is a legal issue, that in essences is going to affect our HUD and it's not our business, it's not our core business.

Mr. Trower asked if the Fire Rescue is subcontracted for BSO, and if the County still retains responsibility.

Mr. Corwin: We do for the Regional Fire Service.

The Chair reminded everyone that there is a representative for the Municipalities on the Board.

Mr. Corwin: The Committee itself – when you are talking about who should sit – it's not that the Committee and that group could not talk about it, they are not in the business of neighborhood fire any more.

The Chair asked Mr. Corwin how he would suggest going about Minimum Standards.

Mr. Corwin: I personally don't think – I wouldn't support them so I think it is up to each City to decide what level of service they want.

A brief discussion ensued relevant to Minimum Standards. Comments made by: The Chair, Mr. Mena, and Mr. Corwin.

The Chair stated that the PSSC can make recommendations to the County Commission but they can't mandate the Cities.

Mr. Benavides: I understand what Mr. Corwin is saying, and the firefighters do have a different view. Sometimes it requires a true question on the ballot to be answered; the reality is this body can make a recommendation with a dual referendum requirement. The Cities can agree to enjoy and except it and put it before the voters and the standard would be the minimum except the standard by referendum or act of the local government. So there are different ways to do it, but this is clearly where the discussion is. Because firstly Home Rule is a wonderful thing and Cities has done well with Home-Rule over the years, but in Broward County Home Rule clearly has allowed this similar service deliveries and people think this portion of the charges and are not equal wide so. I mean if you have a minimum standard that standard could be the standard to go to it doesn't have to be the implemented standard there are other things that will be coming up in the future. So you can clearly ask for a question to be delivered than for the Commission to wrestle with how to put that question before the voters. That's the only way I believe the Cities will accept it and some of these cities with the things that are going on with tax relief today my enjoy in that discussion, it is a honest discussion for today. And I believe just on the 20 years of history with Broward County Home Rule has now allowed Service Delivery to be part of their discussion for how people are going to mandate and impress they're services. I think the City decide to do that, now you have other people that will follow in those footsteps because it is the right thing to do, so I just think if it has to evolve that may be the only way to evolve it, but it is the honest way.

The Chair asked if the Council could put forward the language for the Minimum Standards for dual referendum.

Mr. Corwin: That gets to what authority the Council would get. One end of the spectrum as I said, it's not a bad route to talk about it and advise the Board of County Commissioners, advise the Cities in essence to the Board, the other thing would be to empower this Council, I don't know, but your Attorney could say could you empower the Fire Rescue Council to give them the power that I think only you have to something on the ballot, so I think we had that discussion the last time, I believe you had the opinion that says that you have the authority to put something like this on the ballot but I know that the Council – certainly the Board of County Commissioners can do that. That's what we do is we have an Advisory Board to the Board.

Ms. Eisinger advised the PSSC would need legal advice, she added that it is a sensitive issue because some municipalities would say that you are usurping Home-rule. She reminded the dais that the CRC's job is to decide whether to put the issue to the voters and then let them decide. She stated that if interpreting what was said in the Attorney General's opinion and the discussion then this would mean that we are permitted as part of the County Charter Review to

put this question to the residents of Broward County and it does not have to be a dual referendum. It could be one referendum that says that the County can set Minimum Standards. She added that this may raise a few eyebrows from local governments and this is a fine line to cross. Ms. Eisinger explained that she believed she was quoting the Attorney General that the right to do it furthers the end of government by promoting health, safety and welfare. She then asked Mr. Wilson for his opinion.

The Chair allowed Mr. Mena to speak due to his impending departure (5 minutes).

Mr. Mena stated that he is concerned that imposing on a City will cause problems.

Mr. Trower stated that Minimum Standards to him mean the basic threshold level. He explained that it is not an issue of optimum service but an issue of the need to have a reputable Fire Department. He stated secondly that if you will make even advisory comments through a group, then cities who do not conform with that are in a legal liability issue because it becomes the community standard now. He suggested that the PSSC must be very careful with what is done because the implications are there. Mr. Trower advised that through months of meetings he thought that the general consensus among the professionals was that there needed to be an established basic threshold standard which also came out of the MESC and is the reason it is on the PSSC's list of issues. He stated that if this is not what people wish to do, then the PSSC needs to know about it to avoid the development of a *half-baked* resolution which will create even more problems.

The Chair suggested making an amendment with the language to include that the new Council will decide what the Minimum Standards are and all municipalities may not have to meet what's required for Minimum Standards.

A brief discussion ensued with comments made by the Chair, Ms. Eisinger, Mr. Trower, and Mr. Mena.

Mr. Benavides: We have had the Fire Rescue Council now for 4 years and we have been trying to get to a point where we can make some recommendations. Between all the filtering and discussion and not getting information here to us, we are not able to change or challenge anything except from our discussion with Boards we sit on. I think some key wording which doesn't bind anybody – may technically bind them a little more, Review or the Public Safety Communications Council shall or may make recommendations for review and implementation for a standard level of service for Minimum Standards. That does not tie anybody's hands but it is very indirect what it says and as far as what we are looking for. And those Cities can sit down

at the table and have a discussion, I mean most of the Cities are pushing for a better level of service, and there are only a few Cities in Broward County today that clearly run on what we may think on the Council level services delivered. So we are not far away from the Cities doing this themselves. But today between Home-Rule and the County Commission in affect hasn't done anything. We are at a point where everybody can easily meet the criteria of a minimum standard and work to a higher standard but they are not doing it because there's nobody pushing. So if we can find some final language that pushes it but doesn't force, it I believe we can all be served better.

Mr. Mena MOTIONED to add Mr. Benavides language for review and implementation to the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, Ms. Eisinger SECONDED, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion of the Composition of the Board.

The Chair asked if having an even number of members on the board would be a problem.

Ms. Eisinger replied yes, she then asked for suggestions from the present Public Safety Officials.

Mr. Benavides: I think I have done plenty of damage here today.

The Chair asked Mr. Carpani how Communications are represented on his Board.

Mr. Carpani: The way communications is represented as an advisory role to the Fire Rescue Council, if you are looking for an 11th member I would put a representative from the Regional Public Safety Communications Committee on that Board.

The Chair stated that Mr. Carpani had a very good suggestion.

A general conversation ensued.

Chief Pachnek advised that he would be willing to serve on the Board.

Mr. Wilson: The total make-up of the Council will be now how many.

The Chair replied 11.

Mr. Trower expressed concern with the other organizations out there doing some of the same work. He added once revised the role and recommendations suggested to the PSSC – the

PSSC should take a hard look at coordinating with other agencies out there, he added it is important not to be redundant.

Mr. Trower requested that staff find out who the other groups are; he advised that there should be some language that says the Council should coordinate.

Mr. Carpani: I don't want to increase the number of representatives on the Fire Rescue Council, but I think we are forgetting the important point here. We have representatives from the various Cities on this Council. We have representatives from the Fire side on the Council, we now have representatives from the DLE side, and we are missing that communications portion.

Colonel Auer: My role is to represent the Sheriff and Telecommunications Contract, Fire and Public Safety, and as needed affordable regional communications. It is difficult because it is one position that represents all. So in my opinion an additional person on there that specifically answer to telecommunications would not cause a great increase and influence in voting power on behalf of the Sheriff.

Mr. Carpani: This organization also represents not only BSO but Lauderhill, Tamarac, Miramar etc. So it is not just the Broward Sheriff's Office – there is a clear delineation of responsibility and duties.

The Chair advised that the main function of the Fire Rescue Council was communication for that service; he then asked Mr. Carpani if someone on the Fire Rescue Council give the information they need as well as he could.

Mr. Carpani: Depending on who it is.

Ms. Eisinger suggested that 13 members should be manageable.

The Chair asked if anyone disagreed with having 13 members on the Board.

Mr. Trower stated that he has a problem with adding other subgroup; he then suggested empowering the Fire Rescue Council and adding other people later.

The Chair explained that the dais agreed to add a Police Chief and a representative of the Municipalities to the Public Safety Council.

Mr. Carpani: This Committee is really an Ad Hoc Committee it was never really formalized.

[Mr. Mena departed at this time 2:28pm which resulted in the loss of a quorum]

Mr. Carpani: We have various members from different municipalities on the Board we have Fire Chiefs, Police Chiefs, and Captains etc. We have a representative from the Broward County School District....

Ms. Eisinger requested a recommendation from the present professionals so that the PSSC could vote at the next meeting a composition of the Public Safety Council.

The Chair invited the PSSC could change what was done and advised that he feels 11 members is good, he added that he feels it important and he think someone from communications would be good also.

The Chair invited the guests back to the next PSSC meeting to and make suggestions of who the 13 member selection should be. He advised that the next meeting will be held on August 8th.

Ms. Eisinger asked staff to contact the League of Cities for they're input.

The Chair suggested sending everyone and invitation and also send them the question which proposed makeup and suggestion of adding a 13th member.

V. Public Comment

Ms. Nancy Dzoba, BSO: I was just going to say, I know that the firefighters of Broward County have representation. If we are bringing law in do we ask for somebody from like the FOP or their Association to represent their ranks?

The Chair asked Ms. Dzoba for clarification of her suggestion.

Ms. Dzoba: I just, when they were talking about the Firefighters of Broward County if we are expanding it to Law Enforcement just like we have the Fire Chiefs and we have the Firefighter Association we have the Fraternal Order of Police those who represent their rank and files.

The Chair advised that Ms. Dzoba's suggestion would be considered and asked the dais for their thoughts.

Ms. Eisinger advised that the members should look at it so that it can be fair and equitable across the board. She then requested staff send a memo to all members of the FRC Board with

a suggestion that the CRC is looking at proposing a restructuring of the composition of the Broward County Fire Rescue Council Board to make it a Public Safety Board and requests their input. She also suggested the inclusion of the FOP.

The Chair called for any other business. There being none.

Ms. Eisinger MOTIONED to adjourn, Mr. Trower SECONDED and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 2:34 pm.

The minutes of this meeting are recorded on CRC-PSSC CD # 7.17.07 (BCGV CTR)