Meeting was brought to order by Committee Chairperson Susie Weinacht at 5:31 p.m.

Present: Council members Susie Weinacht, Ashley Vanorny and Dale Todd; Police Chief Wayne Jerman; Assistant Fire Chief Greg Smith; Building Services Director Kevin Ciabatti; Area Ambulance Executive Director Keith Rippy; and Amanda Grieder with SAFE-CR.

The January 15, 2018, Public Safety and Youth Services Committee minutes were approved.

Fire Department Report – Assistant Chief Greg Smith
Chief Smith reviewed the Breakdown of Major Incident Types for Data Range (attached). In the first quarter of 2018, the Fire Department responded to 1,605 EMS calls. The three main incident types for these calls are first falls, second breathing problems, and third chest pain. Of the chest pain calls, the Fire Department had six incidents where the patient regained spontaneous rhythm and two walked out of the hospital with no deficits.

The Fire Department has reduced their average response time and turnout time by 40 seconds. This is in large part due to the accreditation process that the Fire Department is undergoing which is a major improvement since a fire can double in size in 30 seconds.

The Fire Department responded to two overdoses on Thursday. Council Member Todd asked if the Fire Department tracks overdose responses and/or mental illness responses. The FD can track that information but it will not be as accurate as Area Ambulance’s statistics as it will be based on what first responders find on scene and some information may not be apparent to include in Fire’s reports. Cedar Rapids’ overdose rates are trending similar to national standards, not increased. There has not been a big jump in these responses in the past three years.

Council Member Todd also inquired as to whether the Fire Department tracks seizure responses as this may be a result of a patient’s inability to get proper medications. Chief Smith will look into this data.

The Fire Department is currently undergoing the process of becoming accredited. This is an optional process that Fire has chosen to undergo. This is through the Center for Public Safety Excellence and the CRFD has been working towards for approximately 5 years. A peer assessment team will be at the FD the first week in May. In order to receive accredited status, the FD must make progress toward achieving 240-250 performance indicators and complete 70-80 core competencies. If the peer assessment team approves us, the FD will go in front of the Board in August in Dallas. There are currently only 4 fire departments in Iowa who are accredited. The benefit of this process is to challenge
our personnel to look deeply at all the policies, processes and practices of the department and to improve.

There is an equivalent of this for the Police Department and they have started the process as well. Their process has 484 uniform standards that they need to meet. This is a very big deal for the FD and PD and requires a lot of hard work and time to achieve. Currently there are only a handful of other police departments in Iowa that are accredited. When CRPD achieves this, they will be largest department in Iowa to be accredited.

So far in 2018 the fire investigative division, which consists of 2 full time investigators, has investigated a total of 32 incidents (31 fire/arson cases and 1 explosive case). Of these investigations 8 were undetermined, 8 were arson and 15 were accidental. 5 were closed by arrest.

**Building Services Report – Kevin Ciabatti**

Permits:
- Total permits issued are down 22% from this time last year
- Total residential building permits are down 33% from this time last year
- Total number of permits issued are up 56% from this time last month

Inspections:
- Building inspections are up 5% from this time last year
- Electrical inspections are down 17% from this time last year
- Mechanical inspections are down 19% from this time last year
- Plumbing inspections are down 13% from this time last year
- Overall, the total number of inspections is down 9% as this time last year
- Total number of inspections is up 20% from this time last month

Complaints:
- Total number of open complaints is up 21% from this time last year
- Total number of open cases is down 8% from this time last quarter
- Total number of pending investigations has increased 7% from this time last year
- Total number of open nuisance cases are up 16% from this time last year
- Total number of open zoning cases are up 51% from this time last year

Currently Building Services is working on cross training all inspectors to improve service to citizens.

There is a Board of Appeals set up for each area – building, mechanical, electrical and plumbing. If a citizen disagrees with a violation, they can appeal it to the Board of Appeals. In most cases, these appeals are resolved with an equivalent option. The Boards also reviews the new code updates. The make-up of these Boards is determined by the Code and are working toward more transparency.

The GIS department is currently working on mapping complaints for Building Services.

**Area Ambulance Report – Keith Rippy**

In 2015 Area Ambulance administered 100 doses of Narcan with 54 confirmed overdoses. In 2016, 102 doses of Narcan were administered with 41 confirmed overdoses. In 2017, 114 doses of Narcan were administered with 42 confirmed overdoses. In 2018, 18 doses of Narcan have been administered with an estimated additional 100 doses throughout the year. It is estimated that there will be approximately 39 cases to be confirmed overdoses. This again is reflective of the national standards. These numbers
of overdoses will most likely spike in approximately 1-2 years from now. Area Ambulance is finding that they are administering higher doses of Narcan to bring people out of their overdose. A standard dose is ½ mg and lately AA has been administering 1-2 mg doses. This is most likely due to a higher quality of drug or mixing the drug with another drug. Heroin closes the receptors in the brain and Narcan opens those receptors back up. There are no known studies to show that patients can develop a resistance to Narcan. A substantial number of these patients are repeat offenders but not all of them.

Iowa No Harm Coalition has distributed 1200 Narcan kits to the general public in Cedar Rapids. Rippy stated that this is troubling because if there is an overdose, they are either not calling 911 or calling in a different type of call which puts AA employees in danger. AA personnel are not police and if they respond to a drug overdose, there may be other criminal activity going on around them and they will not be prepared for that if it is called in incorrectly. AA is going to start tracking calls that come in incorrectly. Iowa No Harm Coalition is urging people who take the Narcan kits to self-report the use of the kit. To date 103 cases have been self-reported. AA, CRFD and CRPD statistics will also be off due to these kits as there will be no call to 911. Council members suggested that everyone has a meeting with the Iowa No Harm Coalition and draft an MOU to allow for information to be shared. It was also asked how these kits are distributed and where they are getting the funding which can also be addressed during this meeting.

**Youth Services Report – Faircloth**
Laura Faircloth reviewed the juvenile arrest data (attached). So far in 2018, arrests are up by 4 arrests in 10 year olds, stayed the same for 11 and 12 year olds, increased by 8 in 13 year olds, decreased by 3 in 14 year olds, increased by 3 in 15 year olds, decreased by 13 in 16 year olds, and stayed the same in 17 year olds. The CRPD does address gun violence and sexual predators at the school with the students and teachers are being more proactive with students on these issues as well.

The CRPD participated in many outreach programs for youth such as Crafts with Cops, career day and dodgeball events just to mention a few. The CRPD has 3 youth academies scheduled which are already all full.

The CRPD is 1 year into the MVP program. Faircloth will collect data from the school district to see how it is working in the schools, the staff value of this program and the student value of this program.

**Parks/Rec – Cole**
Parks and Rec will employ 174 youth in aquatics this summer, 65 in rec and 100 in parks and golf. This totals approximately 300 youth. The hiring process is going very well this year. They have enough applicants that they can choose who they want to employ this year. Cole believes that this is due in part to the colder spring and increased media coverage. Parks and Rec advertise these job opportunities at job fairs, high schools, colleges and on social media.

Bender and Noelridge pools provide over 1,000 swim lessons at each location per year. In total, all Cedar Rapids pools provide over 4,000 swim lessons per year.

It has been considered to make all parks in Cedar Rapids smoke free. This is a decision that Council will have to make. The only concern is that a lot of patrons at the golf courses like to smoke cigars as they golf. A lot of other cities are moving toward smoke free parks.

**SAFE-CR Report – Amanda Grieder**
Grieder shared a success story that SAFE CR is very proud of at 1808 J Street SW. This was a property that was foreclosed on and had no water service. The CRPD had done a few knock and talks with no
luck. It was known that there was someone saying there so they placarded the property for no running water and no trespassing and police continued their patrol. They finally did make contact with the former tenants who were still occupying the property and they were evicted.

**Massage Business Proposed Ordinance – Chief Wayne Jerman/Amanda Grieder**
Currently the City of Cedar Rapids does not regulate massage therapy businesses. CRPD and SAFE CR are proposing that the City draft an ordinance to begin regulating these types of businesses. The massage business on Mt. Vernon Road was very a difficult and time consuming case since the City does not regulate massage businesses. Amanda Grieder will research and draft a proposed ordinance to present at the next meeting for input and approval to take this ordinance to City Council. The Committee voted and all members were in favor of presenting a draft ordinance at the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

**Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program – Sara Buck**
Sara Buck presented the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program update (attached). There are currently 1,073 current active participants in this program. There are currently 1,166 applicant families on the waiting list. There are 91 participants in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program. Currently the City of Cedar Rapids is serving 40-50 vouchers a month through Iowa City’s VASH program as HUD typically gives vouchers to cities that have VA Hospitals. HUD notified the City on Friday that Cedar Rapids will receive 12 vouchers of their own which they will use to help Veterans facing homelessness.

**Police Department Report – Chief Wayne Jerman**
Chief Jerman reviewed the Cedar Rapids Police Activity Report comparing January 1, 2017 to April 5, 2017 and January 1, 2018 to April 5, 2018 (attached). Overall crime statistics are down in 2018 from this time in 2017.

In February, the CRPD deployed new patrol shifts which study shows should increase efficiency by 18-20%. So far, these new shifts appear to be increasing efficiency. Chief Jerman also changed a Lieutenant position to a Captain position which makes a 4th Captain position.

Shots fired cases are up 4 from this time last year. For the first quarter of 2017 there were 24 reports of shots fired and in 2018 there have been 28. For the past three years the CRPD has partnered with the school districts to have the students sign a no gun pledge.

The CRPD is also partnering with Foundation 2 concerning mental health issues. They applied for and received a grant to fund a full-time position. This position is assigned to the CRPD and is available to respond with officers on calls for service.

**JULY AGENDA ITEM FORECAST**
- Approval of April Draft Minutes
- Building Services Report (Ciabatti)
- Cedar Rapids Fire Department Report (Smith)
- Area Ambulance Service Report (Rippy)
- Youth Services Report (Faircloth/Cole)
- Police SAFE-CR Report (Grieder)
- Cedar Rapids Police Department Report (Jerman)
- Massage Therapy Business License Proposed Ordinance (Grieder)
- Opioid Discussion (Rippy)
- Iowa No Harm Coalition (Rippy)
- Public Comment (10 min.; 2 min. limit per person)
October Agenda Forecast Items

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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