



Memorandum

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To: Chief Kerns
From: Carter Hawley, Police Commission Analyst
Subject: Monroe Street Station Recommendations

In the spring, you requested that the Police Commission offer recommendations to you by September 1 about what to do in light of the closure of the Monroe Street Station. I am pleased to forward you their recommendations, as well as some background information.

The Outreach and Resource Committee was asked to solicit community input and develop a recommendation related to public safety services after the Monroe Street Public Safety Station closes, some time in 2012. The Committee has actively sought community input. Attachment A is a list of the meetings that members of the Committee or staff attended expressly to solicit community input. The Committee presented its recommendations to the full Commission on July 14, and the Commission approved the attached recommendations.

The Commission members actively sought input from people in attendance, as well as solicited input from anyone the attendees might think would be interested. After several months of meeting and listening, the Committee began compiling what they'd heard into one sheet (Attachment B). This summary of comments serves two important purposes. First, it documents the breadth of comments the committee has received. Second, it provides a quick snapshot of the comments, to serve as the launching point for the Commission's recommendation.

The comments were categorized on a continuum with comments very directly related to law enforcement at one end of the continuum, and comments not related to law enforcement at the other end. Most of the comments could be in more than one column, and over time, may move. All comments in all columns have been considered.

After completion of the recommendations, the Outreach and Resource Committee completed a Triple Bottom Line (short form) analysis on their recommendations. That analysis is also included in this packet.

At the bottom of the recommendations is a request that you report back to the Commission on the status of the closure, and the result of your consideration of these recommendations. I will work with you to schedule a time for that report back to the Commission perhaps in spring and fall of 2012. On behalf of the Commission, thank you for the opportunity to provide the community's perspective on this important issue.

**Police Commission Recommendations
Monroe Street Public Safety Station
July 14, 2011**

Starting in March 2011, the Outreach and Resource Committee has been actively soliciting input from neighbors of the Monroe Street Public Safety Station, with the goal of developing recommendations based on that input. The intent of the Committee was to capture all comments, regardless of whether they were directly germane to the immediate task.

The Committee presented its recommendations to the Police Commission, and below are the recommendations resulting from their review. Please note that the recommendations are drawn from a larger list of comments and recommendations which relate to law enforcement, community safety, social services and other community input. These recommendations reflect the Committee's review and consideration of all comments, which have been included in the information provided to the Commission. The Department asked for feedback, and the community responded. To maintain the good-will created by this outreach effort, the Committee would request that the Chief will steward these recommendations to the appropriate audience, if the Police Department is not the appropriate audience.

Recommendations

1. The City should commit to maintain a public restroom in the neighborhood, because the restroom at Monroe Street Station Public Safety Station (MSPSS) may be eliminated as the station closes.
2. The Eugene Police Department (Department) should redeploy freed-up staff and volunteer resources to crime prevention in Monroe Street neighborhood as well as city wide. Additionally, station manager Lupe Thompson should have regular scheduled hours in neighborhood.
3. Station manager Thompson should continue to have direct contact and outreach with businesses, non-profits and other groups in the neighborhood.
4. Increase the "crime prevention" branding on crime prevention vehicles to increase visibility.
5. Find replacement site for needle box, in partnership with the Harm Reduction Coalition
6. The Department should consider increasing cultural competency training and language training for EPD staff and officers
7. The Department should explore participation in a neighborhood resource center in the neighborhood
8. The Department should strive to increase number of bicultural and bilingual staff and officers in the Department within Department standards
9. The Department should consider a focused crime prevention effort in the Whiteaker neighborhood two to three times a year
10. The Department should work on solution to provide phone access, because phone access is currently provided at the station, and will not be available after the station closes.
11. The Department should add nuisance and behavior crimes to the analysis conducted in conjunction with the efforts on data led policing, to better capture and document the crime occurring in the neighborhoods around the MSPSS. Additionally, efforts should be made to improve the reporting rate of these historically under-reported crimes.
12. Crime prevention should pursue use of resources in neighborhood around MSPSS that are publicly owned or otherwise offered to maintain presence.
13. Enhance communications and relationships between the Department and the Community, and the Police Department be requested to attend community meetings of neighborhoods previously served by the Monroe Street Station and provide crime prevention information at those meetings

These recommendations are based on the community's input. To demonstrate that the input was valuable and useful, the Committee would like to receive periodic reports from the Department on the status of these recommendations, or other actions taken by the Department in the neighborhood. The Committee will share the updates with the groups and individuals who contributed their time and offered their comments.

Attachment A
Community Input
Monroe Street Station Recommendations

Date	Organization
March 16	Outreach and Resource Committee Meeting
March 28	Monroe Street Public Safety Station Neighborhood Advisory Board
March 31	New Neighborhood Leader Training (hosted by Neighborhood Svcs)
April 4	Monroe Street Station Staff
April 6	Outreach and Resource Committee Meeting
April 20	Outreach and Resource Committee Meeting
April 20	Whiteaker Community Council Board Meeting
April 21	Jefferson Westside Neighborhood Association Leadership
May 2	Lane County Harm Reduction Coalition
May 4	Outreach and Resource Committee Meeting
May 10	Jefferson Westside Neighborhood Meeting
May 18	Outreach and Resource Committee Meeting
May 23	Monroe Street Public Safety Station Neighborhood Advisory Board
June 1	Staff at Centro Latino Americano
June 1	Outreach and Resource Committee Meeting
June 1	Active Bethel Citizens Meeting
June 6	Lane County Harm Reduction Coalition
June 7	Neighborhood Summit and Training (hosted by Neighborhood Svcs)
June 8	Whiteaker Community Council General Meeting
June 13	Community Forum
June 15	Monroe Street Station Manager
June 15	Outreach and Resource Committee Meeting
June 29	Outreach and Resource Committee Meeting
July 6	Outreach and Resource Committee Meeting

In addition to these meetings:

- Committee members or staff had phone, in person or e-mail discussions with neighbors interested in the topic, citizens from other community councils, and area business leaders.
- A news release was issued April 12, resulting in a story in the Register Guard, and on KEZI.
- A Frequently Asked Questions document was produced April 13, distributed at these meetings, and distributed at the Station

Attachment B
 Eugene Police Commission - Outreach and Resource Committee
 Comments Received Regarding Monroe Street Station
 Received through June 30, 2011

Law Enforcement

1. Problems at Monroe Street Park, including vulgarity, drugs, sex offenders, indecent exposure. Add bike patrol to improve.
2. Burglaries are up in JWN. More patrol would help
3. Increase access to Crime Prevention Specialists from neighborhood group representatives
4. Graffiti is up
5. Staff a central National Night Out
6. Improved data collection and analysis for neighborhood issues
7. Improved bike & pedestrian safety
8. Bicycle theft
9. Need more Spanish speaking officers
10. Spanish pamphlet detailing individual rights
11. Need more traffic enforcement
12. Need safer streets
13. Increase safety at river trail (bike path) in Whiteaker, and possibly support citizen safety corps.
14. With neighbors, develop community policing pilot in area around Monroe Street Station
15. Improve outreach and dialogue of crime prevention specialists and their beats
16. Identify specific use for EPD volunteers at Monroe Street station, if no easy 'transfer' exists
17. EPD should have directory of other Spanish speaking resources, beyond the station manager at Monroe Street Station.
18. There are important services provided by parole & probation
19. Problems at other city parks in the area, including vulgarity, drugs, sex offenders, indecent exposure
20. Pamphlet is needed in English outlining people's rights, ideally working with ACLU and other partners

Community Safety

1. Public restrooms
2. Place to ask questions w/out retaliation
3. Place to offer tips
4. Connections w/ Latino population
5. Should maintain Neighborhood Advisory Board, as bridge between community & EPD, perhaps using Downtown Safety Council as model
6. Make alleys more drivable OR NOT
7. Improve lighting in alleys
8. Public showers
9. Needle box – EPD has found a replacement (7th & Monroe)
10. Prevention advice
11. Station Manager Lupe Thompson is a great asset
12. Improved communications between EPD & community
13. A SAFE place
14. Should increase volunteer programs to involve neighborhoods
15. Better coordination with CERT teams
16. Reenergize neighborhood watch programs
17. There are problems associated with illegal camping, both for the residents and the people camping.
18. A place to go to offer EPD feedback

Social Services

1. Phone
2. E-mail (Not provided since move Monroe Street Station in 2006)
3. Computer access (Not provided since move Monroe Street Station in 2006)
4. Advocacy
5. Mail services
6. Free condoms

Other Community Input

1. Police response time is slow
2. Going to the station and waiting for an officer is slow
3. Citing examples from other communities, there is concern that there is racial profiling of Latinos related to licenses and social security cards occurring in Eugene.
4. EPD needs more cultural competency and language training.
5. CRB should have a Spanish speaker.
6. City should have directory of multi-lingual resources within the department
7. Park maintenance @ Monroe Street Park should be improved
8. Officers should be hired from within Eugene, whenever possible.

**Attachment C
Triple Bottom Line
Short Form**

Proposal: Recommendations to Police Chief related to closure of Monroe Street Public Safety Station

Completed by Outreach & Resource Committee July 6, 2011

<u>Items to Evaluate and Analytic Prompts</u>	<u>Analysis & Notes</u>	<u>Overall Impact</u> + Positive 0 Neutral - Negative
Environmental Health Impact: How could a proposal affect environmental health and our ability to effectively address climate uncertainties? Does it prevent pollution? What the possible impacts for air, soil and water? How might it affect how our community looks?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By eliminating a standalone building and not replacing it with another building, the carbon footprint of the unit may be decreased. • Replacing the needle box and public restroom prevents pollution. 	+
Economic Prosperity: How would an action or proposal affect the local economy and what are its costs to the community, now and over the long term? How does the proposal or action support responsible stewardship of public resources?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing police visibility may improve local economy. • The recommendation includes no increased costs, while providing enhanced services 	+
Social Equity: How might a proposal affect the ability to meet basic human needs? How could it influence cultural expression, community relationships, effective government, safety and personal security needs, and neighborhood and stakeholder commitment and stewardship? Are there potential inequities for specific groups of people, and how are those addressed? Have all voices been heard?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee's efforts significantly enhanced the social equity considerations of the closure of the MSPSS, as many of the comments and recommendations relate to personal security, basic human needs, and safety. • Specific recommendations were included to address possible inequities for specific groups, including bilingual and bicultural hiring, increased training and increased outreach to specific groups of people. • The Committee worked to hear all voices, meeting with every group that expressed interest. 	+

Triple Bottom Line Definitions

Environmental Health

Described As: Healthy, resilient ecosystems, clean air, water, and land. Decreased pollution and waste, low carbon emissions that contribute to climate change, lower fossil fuel use, decreased or no toxic product use. Prevents pollution, reduces use, promotes reuses, recycles natural resources

Goals: Protect, preserve, and restore the natural environment to ensure long-term maintenance of ecosystem functions necessary for support of future generations of all species. Reduce the adverse environmental impacts of all activities, continually review all activities to identify and implement strategies to prevent pollution; reduce energy consumption and increase energy efficiency; conserve water; reduce consumption and waste of natural resources; reuse, recycle and purchase recycled content products; reduce reliance on non-renewable resources.

Economic Prosperity

Described as: Support of healthy local economy with new jobs, businesses, and economic opportunities; focus on development of a diverse economy, enhanced sustainable practices for existing businesses, green and clean technology jobs, creation or retention of family waged jobs.

Goals: A stable, diverse and equitable economy; support of business development opportunities.

Social Equity

Described as: Placing priority upon protecting, respecting, and fulfilling the full range of universal human rights, including civil, political, social, economic, and cultural rights. Providing adequate access to employment, food, housing, clothing, recreational opportunities, a safe and healthy environment and social services. Eliminating systemic barriers to equitable treatment and inclusion, and accommodating to differences among people. Emphasizing justice, impartiality, and equal opportunity for all.

Goals: It is our priority to support an equitable and adequate social system with access to employment, food, housing, clothing, education, recreational opportunities, a safe and healthy environment and social services, as well as to provide equal access to services and avoid negative impact for all people regardless of age, economic status, ability, immigration or citizenship status, race/ethnicity, gender, relationship status, religion, or sexual orientation. Equal opportunities for all people are sought. A community in which basic human rights is addressed, basic human needs are met, and all people have access to tools and resources to develop their capacity. This tool will help identify how the proposal affects community members and if there is a difference in how the decisions affect one or more social groups in the community. Areas of consideration in creating a vibrant socially equitable Eugene are: basic needs, inclusion, community safety, culture neighborhoods, and advancing social equity