

April 19, 2013

**To:** Honorable Mayor Gayle McLaughlin and Members of the City Council

**From:** Public Safety and Public Services Standing Committee

**Subject:** Summary of the Meeting of the Public Safety and Public Services Standing Committee, Thursday, April 18, 2013, at 10:11 a.m.

**Present:** Chair Bates and Councilmember Boozé.

**Absent:** Councilmember Myrick arrived at 10:28 a.m.

**THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Receive an update from Public Works on the Streetlight Replacement Project on the Richmond Parkway.

*Public Works Director, Yader Bermudez, stated that the entire system has been damaged and needs to be reconstructed. All of the light pedestals have been replaced and all of the lights should be working by the end of next month. In addition, PG&E has also recently responded and repaired several lights that have been out for over a year at Lucas, Fairmede and Booker T. Anderson Parks.*

*Captain Mark Gagan gave an updated regarding the wire theft task force. They are looking into more innovative technology that has not been utilized by the city yet. Copper Stoppers assists in tracking copper by using a GPS coordinate. Second hand brokerage locations that accept copper for recycling will require more tracking and monitoring of materials they receive. Councilmember Boozé requested a report in June regarding the purchase of two Flashcams and where they've been located and how effective they've been and also asked that a representative of the Code Enforcement Department be present at every Public Safety Committee meeting. Chair Bates stated that inoperable or operable cameras and signage indicating camera surveillance in the area can be used as a deterrent. Councilmember Boozé also suggested that a reward be established and given for cell phone pictures of thefts that lead to the apprehension of an individual.*

**OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Guillermo Aginaga stated that there is a speeding and wreckless driving problem in his neighborhood at the intersection of 24<sup>th</sup> and Grant Avenue and on 25<sup>th</sup> Street and Downer Avenue.*

The matter of the drainage problem on 41<sup>st</sup> and Ohio Avenue will be placed on the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.