



PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE Minutes

Date/Time: January 25, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission, 101 Federal Street, Boston, MA

Members Present:

Gayle Cameron, Chair
Brian Demoretsky
Jennifer Queally
Patrick Hanley
Gina Masotta

Chief Steve Wojnar
Peggie Krippendorf
Brian Connors (for
Dermot Quinn)

Members Absent:

Michael Leahy
Dana Pullman
Dermot Quinn

Attendees:

Christopher Bruce
Mark Vander Linden
Mary Thurlow

Loretta Lillios
Maryann Dooley

Ed Bedrosian
John Ziemba

Call to Order

Commissioner Gayle Cameron, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05. The Chair welcomed the members and introduced the newest member of the Committee, Chief Steve Wojnar of the Dudley Police Department. The Chair thanked Chief Leahy for his participation on this committee and wished him the best of luck in his new position.

The Chair then turned the members' attention to the prior meeting's minutes. Assistant Attorney General Hanley made a motion to accept the minutes, Attorney Krippendorf seconded and by unanimous vote the minutes were approved.

Commissioner Cameron discussed her kick-off meeting with the chiefs of police which occurred the day before. She noted the high level of co-operation at all levels.

The Chair then introduced Christopher Bruce the Commission's Data Analysis Specialist. She noted that the crime analysis is part of the Commission's broader study of the social and economic impacts of gaming in Massachusetts.

Mr. Bruce presented a Power Point on the first year long crime analysis entitled "Assessing the Impact of Gambling on Public Safety in Massachusetts". Communities included in the analysis were Plainville, Attleboro, North Attleboro, Wrentham, and Mansfield. The town of Foxborough declined to participate in this study.

The only crime category that had a measurable increase was credit card fraud. However, that type of fraud was on the rise in the area before PPC's opening. Calls for service were also higher.

Commissioner Cameron emphasized that the Plainville Police and State troopers have worked together on incidents at PPC which is not a regular practice at other states' casinos but working as a team has been very successful.

The committee discussed how difficult it is to analyze credit card theft crimes. For example, does a credit card theft get reported to the department where the crime happened or to the department where the victim resides?

Mr. Bruce stated that Springfield police have a great analysis unit.

Commissioner Cameron thought that Foxborough's data would be greatly helpful and the new police chief in Foxborough might be interested in participating in the study. It was suggested that if an invitation to meet the new Foxborough Police Chief is attempted, Commission Cameron, Karen Wells and Brian Connors would like to attend. Attorney Krippendorf said that she would contact the Foxborough police chief to discuss the possibility of a meeting.

Commissioner Cameron stressed that no personal information is distributed in the crime analysis. It is only a general analysis.

The Chair then introduced Loretta Lillios who is the Chief Enforcement Counsel and the Deputy Director of the Investigations & Enforcement Bureau (IEB) at the Gaming Commission. Attorney Lillios presented on "Involuntary Exclusion List Information".

Attorney Lillios gave examples of potential candidates for the exclusion list.

Executive Director Bedrosian asked about Plainville's ability to eject people from the casino.

Ms. Lillios reported that when Plainville ejects a patron, Plainridge reports it to the IEB.

Ms. Lillios then described the process whereby the IEB sends a preliminary ejection order, a patron can request a hearing before a hearing officer. If the order is affirmed, the patron can request a hearing in front of the Commission.

Attorney General Hanley asked if patrons can appeal in court possibly under 30A. (Yes).

Mr. Vander Linden mentioned that there are legal consequences of people being on the list.

Ms. Lillios noted that it is very rare in other jurisdictions for individuals to challenge exclusion determinations.

Assistant Attorney General Hanley mentioned that the patron would have to appear at the hearing; that reliable hearsay is admissible; and the agency hearings use an impartial hearing officer.

Lt. Connors noted that the reputation of the person may in some instances be considered as a basis for ejection.

Chair Cameron mentioned the uncertainty of the tribal development in Region C.

Assistant Attorney General Hanley offered to discuss at the next meeting the cases on which they are working.

There being no further business,

Chair Cameron closed the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

/s/ Mary S. Thurlow

Mary S. Thurlow, Secretary

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Notice of meeting and agenda
2. Membership of the Public Safety Subcommittee
3. Minutes from the April 13, 2016 meeting
4. Presentation by Christopher Bruce entitled: "*Assessing the Impact of Gambling on Public Safety in Massachusetts - An Analysis of Plainridge Park's first year.*"
5. Assessing the Impact of Gambling on public Safety in Massachusetts Cities and Towns by Christopher W. Bruce Vander Linden
6. Presentation by Lorretta Lillios, Chief Enforcement Counsel of MGC