

Police and Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting

Agenda

Wednesday March 8th, - 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

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Committee

Chairperson Patricia Page, Ward 5
Vice-Chair, Jerome Brown, Ward 5
Secretary – Mai Abdul Rahman, Ward 1
Committee Member- 1 vacancies
Committee Member Taylor Wilder Ward 2
Committee Member, Julio Gomez, Ward 2
Committee Member, Robert R. Riddle, Ward

Council/Liaison

Chief of Police Jarod Towers
Council Member Danny Schaible, Ward 2
Council Member Rommel Sandino, Ward 5

7:00 p.m.- Call to order–Chairperson Page

1. Roll Call of attending Committee Members: Quorum?
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of February 8th 2023 meeting minutes.

Discussion Items

1. Proposals - Patricia
 - a. Offer free Ring Cameras
 - b. Offer free Steering Wheel locks
2. Considering the Mayor of College Park situation, let us talk about the protection of our younger population - May
3. Chief report and update?
4. Discuss and agree on a date for community listening engagement event: How can the committee help facilitate this? And how many events should we organize and plan for?
5. Member recruitment update?
6. Public comment?
7. Adjournment

The PPSAC would like for the HPD to consider offering free steering wheel locks to the Hyattsville residents who own a 2011-2021 Honda, Kia, or Hyundai on a first-come, first serve basis and while supplies last.

We would like to suggest that the HPD create a partnership with these corporations to combat motor vehicle theft.

As we are aware that social media challenges that using a USB cable to steal these types of cars. Since we know that car theft is a serious problem as well as stressful and often costly and time-consuming for our residents.

Dear City Council Members,

Our Police and Public Safety Committee is proposing an initiative for consideration that would provide reduced fee or free doorbell cameras to the residents of Hyattsville. This program would serve as a powerful tool in aiding our police force in solving crimes.

As we are all aware, crime presents a detriment to our local community. This has been a growing problem in our community, that needs additional actions to be brought under control. While our city police do an excellent job in responding to incidents, they are often hindered by a lack of resources, and critical information and evidence to find and local bad actors. Doorbell cameras have proven to be an effective tool in capturing important information about crimes, such as the identity of perpetrators and the vehicles used in the commission of the crime. With the increased availability of doorbell cameras throughout our community, we can improve the overall safety and security of our city.

Through creative financing and potential grant solicitations, residents of our city would have the opportunity to purchase doorbell cameras at a reduced fee or receive them for free. We can also explore partnerships with key providers of the most common doorbell camera systems. These cameras would be installed by the homeowner, potentially with the aid of the local police officers, creating greater synergies between our local police force and local community members.

The benefits of this program would be significant. Not only would it aid our police force in solving crimes, but it would also serve as a deterrent to potential criminals. The program would go to great lengths in building community trust and engagement with law enforcement, as residents would have a greater sense of ownership and investment in the safety and security of their neighborhoods.

Our committee feels that offering reduced fee or free doorbell cameras to our residents is an important step in improving the safety and security of our community. We urge you to consider this proposal and work with us to make our city a safer place for all residents.