

Police and Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

ZOOM Meeting

City Clerk, Laura Reams called the meeting to begin at 7:31 pm.

In attendance on the zoom meeting were Deputy Chief Dunklee, City Clerk Laura Reams, Council President Kevin Ward, Council Members Robert Croslin, Daniel Peabody. Resident, Jerome Brown, Joel Chan, Bette Dickerson, Patricia Page, Mai Abdul Rahman, Mariel Alpher, Maggie Bruner. Each attendee introduced themselves and gave a brief background.

Ms. Reams detailed the roles and responsibilities of the committee for this and upcoming meetings.

Deputy Chief Dunklee welcomed everyone and gave a brief background of his years in law enforcement and the City of Hyattsville.

Council Member Croslin stated that this committee is a citizens committee. He then asked who would like to volunteer as the Chair of the Committee. Ms. Patricia Page volunteered, and with no-one opposing was named Chairperson, she has lived in the City for 25 years and retired from federal service. Ms. Page wants to be more engaged in the community. Mariel Alpher, named Vice-Chairperson, with no-one opposed. Ms. Alpher has lived in the City for the couple of years. She has a background in Criminal Justice. She stated the Police do a great job interacting with the residents. Joel Chan was voted as the secretary; he is an Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland and wants to set up a Neighborhood Watch.

Deputy Chief Dunklee gave an overview of the Police department's recruiting and retention plan. He stated we have 45 officers. Every applicant goes through a rigorous final interview and many of the applicants applying said they want to be a Police Officer for Hyattsville because of the community connection.

Points for upcoming meetings:

- Mental Health Information/Discussion.
- Administrative Investigation of shooting Leonard Shand, where do we stand; what was learned?
- Understanding Homelessness, what can be done?
- Crisis Intervention
- Joanne Wonzack (sp) Race and Equity Task Force – How to re-engage the community and Community Policing.
- 21st Century Policing

Motion to adjourn, 9:00 pm.