

Minutes of Hyattsville Police and Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting on May 11th, 2022

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Chairperson Patricia Page called the meeting to begin at 19:45

In attendance on the Zoom meeting

- Committee
 - Chairperson Patricia Page, Ward 5
 - Vice-Chair, Jerome Brown, Ward 5
 - Committee Member Bette Dickerson, Ward 2
 - Committee Member Emily Strab Ward 2
 - Committee Member Taylor Wilder Ward 2
 - Committee Member Mai Abdul Rahman, Ward 1
 - Committee Member Mariel Alper, Ward 1,
 - Committee Member, Julio Gomez, Ward 2
- Council / Liasion
 - Sgt Scott Ratty HCPD
 - Council Member Danny Schaible, Ward 2

Agenda and Notes

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- Committee Member Dickerson motioned that the agenda be accepted
 - Committee Member Strab seconded the motion
 - The motion passed unanimously

- Committee member Strab motioned that the minutes from April meeting be accepted
 - Committee Member Johnson seconded
 - The motion passed unanimously

Subcommittees and Subchairs Report- Patricia

- Committees Chair Members Report
 - Outreach Patricia Mai, Bette, and Jerome
 - The committee met on April 20th to discuss the following: participate in Police and DPW appreciation day, National Night Out and Back to School; encourage members to implement neighborhood watch programs in each ward; quarterly Public Safety Roundtable Sessions w/Chief; seek out residents from ward three and four to serve on this committee.
 - The committee met on April 27th to discuss the Quarterly Public Safety RoundTable Sessions w/chief and a draft of the flyer will be available for review soon. We will be celebrating National Police Week May 18, 2022 with two full sheet cakes for each shift of police officers and civilians. Chairperson Page Will update on times for the two shifts.
 - The committee met on May 3rd to discuss the committee terms dates in the system and they need to update in ward; Fire Station visit/tour; waiting for the flyer to be created and shared w/committee; Hyattsville Sustainability Plan Team would like to conduct stakeholder interviews to determine priorities and goals for the plan and setting up an appreciation day celebration for DPW.
 - Policy Subcommittee - Emily Taylor, Patricia- looking specifically at the Use of force policy and carotid restraints and chokeholds. Want clarification from the chief. Patricia and Julio, Mariel, will join subcommittee.

Police Update

- Updates on hiring, budget and community issues/solutions.
 - Hiring for manager who would cover training for 2023 budget - most likely filled internally
 - Investigator position open
 - Community Action Team- want to expand from 2
 - Civilian- want 3, rather than 2 per shift
 - Mental health case manager
 - Animal control liaison merged with media specialist
 - 43 sworn currently
- Budget items:
 - May 16- emergency response rescue vehicle, upgrade to CCTV system, mobile camera trailers, body worn cameras, tasers. Moving to new communication platform for internal and external alerts. Police HQ groundbreaking of June 28th and completed in 2023.

- Question about training - how do you vet vendors? In light of Boston study on trainers that held much different values
 - Sgt Ratty says that research is done and look into course materials - approved courses by state
 - Mai - can find list of problematic vendors
 - Chairperson Page suggested putting together letter with list
 - Bette suggested taking that policy issue to subcommittee then bring back to group
- Bette- is there demographic data of the force? Sgt Ratty says its on annual report, but will get report out
 - Special services commander , investigation, community action, and traffic

Public Safety Round Table – Patricia

- Chief of Police and Public Safety will be hosting a Public Safety Round Table via Zoom June 8th topic is search warrants
- City staff will develop flyers - there has been a delay, had been developed by jerome and committee - Chairperson Page will reach out
- Lessons Learned – Program discussion - debrief in the committee

AOB

- Topics for our June Meeting are due by June 1, 2022
- Committee Will not meet in July
- Emails will go out about volunteers for Appreciation and for donation and for June 8th round table - volunteers to make sure questions in chat are being answered

Closing

- Committee Member Dickerson moved to adjourn,
- Committee Member Brown seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 20:36.