

**SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE
POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

September 13, 2016
Greenville, NC

Chairperson Diane Kulik called the Police Community Relations Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., at the Brook Valley Country Club, 311 Oxford Road Greenville, NC 27834.

Chairperson Diane Kulik asked for a motion for approval of the September 13, 2016 agenda.

Motion: Mr. Tim Webster
Second: Mr. Greg Rubel

The agenda was unanimously approved by the committee.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Chairperson Diane Kulik asked for a motion for approval of the June 14, 2016 minutes.

Motion: Mr. Tim Webster
Second: Mr. Greg Rubel

The minutes were unanimously approved by the committee.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS / ROLL CALL:

Chairperson Diane Kulik asked each member and staff to introduce themselves and let everyone know which district they represented.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Diane Kulik; Chairperson, At-Large	Greg Rubel; District 3
Tim Webster, Vice Chair; District 5	Lennard Naipaul; District 2

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jermaine McNair; Mayoral	Gregory Barrett; District 1

CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Donald K. Phillips, Assistant Attorney; Devinder Culver, Community Project Coordinator; Sgt. Joe Friday; Focus Deterrence Unit,

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Council member Rick Smiley; District #4

OTHERS:

Citizens

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson Diane Kulik introduced herself and thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. She then called a short business meeting to order following the September 13th agenda and asked each police officer, city staff, and committee members to introduce themselves.

The Police Community Relations Committee held its meeting at Brook Valley Country Club and invited members of the community to come out and hear about two major safety issues in Greenville.

City and state officials gave an update Tuesday evening on plans to improve traffic, pedestrian and bicycle safety on the Tenth Street corridor and discussed new state laws that will allow vehicles to cross a yellow line to pass a bicyclist.

Steve Hamilton, the Division Traffic Engineering for the N.C. Tenth Street from Evans Street to Oxford Road will be improved by dividing the road with a 12-foot wide grass median that will replace the center turn lane.

The feedback from various groups and at hearings was that the road should have continuous sidewalks that are ADA compliant, as well as feature bicycle-friendly sewer grates, LED street lighting and a resurfaced pavement with sidewalks, bike lanes or a multi-use path on each side.

Tenth Street runs through commercial and residential areas, as well as next to student apartment complexes and East Carolina University campus. Hundreds of people cross the street on foot every day, often mid-block where there are no traffic signals. Many people stand in the center lane, which is a traffic lane, as they wait for traffic to clear.

The plan calls for more marked crossings with special signals that pedestrians can activate for vehicles to stop, especially near the university, Mr. Hamilton said.

The second speaker, Donald Phillips, Greenville's Assistant City Attorney, talked to the group of about 35 people about the new state bicycle laws.

The law goes into effect on October 1, 2016 and will allow motor vehicles to cross a single or double yellow line to pass a bicyclist or someone on a moped, under certain conditions.

Mr. Phillips, stated the driver of the faster moving vehicle either provides a minimum of four feet between the fast moving vehicle and the slower moving vehicle. Or it completely enters the left lane of the highway.

The driver of the faster moving vehicle must follow all the regular rules of passing, such as not passing in a curve or hill or at an intersection or railroad crossing and making sure there are no oncoming cars, Mr. Phillips also stated.

This new law says you can pass, but you have to go through all those other things you go through when you drive.

Public Expression and Questions

The citizens asked several questions, and made comments and concerns regarding the plans to improve traffic safety on Tenth Street.

Chairperson Diane Kulik ask for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Mr. Tim Webster

Second: Mr. Greg Rubel

The next meeting is on October 11, 2016. Meeting place will be announced at a later date.

ADJOURN – 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Greenville Police Department
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