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Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB)

JOINT MEETING WITH THE

Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC)

SUMMARY MINUTES

Thurs. June 18, 2015 @ 6:00PM
City Council Chambers

200 West Fifth Street
Greenville, NC 27835-7207

BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS PRESENT: PCRC ATTENDANCE NOTED ON THEIR MINUTES.

Attendance is denoted by an "*" and absentees are denoted by an "x"

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS			
NAME	DISTRICT	NAME	DISTRICT
Carolyn Glast - x	1	Kim Carney - x	1
Betty Hines *	2	David Douglas *	2
Ann Maxwell *	3	Laura McKenna *	3
Blythe Tennent Vice Chair - x	4	Harry Stubbs - x	4
Sharon Stang *	5	Brenda Diggs, Chair *	5
NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARD ALTERNATE MEMBERS			
NAME	DISTRICT	NAME	DISTRICT
Charlotte Smith - x	1	George Hamilton - *	4
Twinnia Dennis - x	2	Misun Hur - x	5
Vince Bellis - x	3		

City Staff Present: *Community Development Department:* Tiana Keith, & Gwen Turnage; *Police Department:* Interim Chief of Police Ted Sauls, Sgt Dale Mills, Sylvia Horne, Devinder Culver, Nicholas Lucas, Cpl Chris Viverette; Assistant City Attorney Bill Little:

- I. **Meeting Called to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Brenda Diggs, NAB Chair & Diane Kulik, PCRC Chairperson, At-Large
- II. **Roll Call** – Gwen Turnage, NAB; Sylvia Horne, PCRC did not initially have a quorum. No roll call was taken.
- III. **Approval of the Agenda - June 18, 2015:**
Motion: Sharon Stang (NAB) Second: George Hamilton (NAB)
Motion Passed

IV. Approval of the NAB Minutes – May 21, 2015:

Motion: Sharon Stang (NAB) Second: George Hamilton (NAB)

Motion passed with amendment to modify Vince Bellis attendance status from absent to present. Everyone was encouraged to sign in at each meeting.

- V. Approval of the PCRC Minutes – May 12, 2015** No action was taken due to initial lack of quorum.
- VI.** Diane Kulik, PCRC Chairperson read the mission and purpose of the PCRC and asked the police officers that were in attendance to stand for introduction.
- VII.** NAB stated their mission and purpose at the end of the meeting by Chairperson Brenda Diggs. Brenda also noted that Code Enforcement attends each NAB monthly meeting.
- VIII.** PCRC Chairperson Diane Kulik introduced Interim Police Chief Ted Sauls. Chief Sauls and Diane Kulik expounded upon the Community Relations Committee by addressing the following issues; (1) Zone Deployment and Patrols (2) Hot Spot Focused Policing (3) CompStat Analysis (4) Criminal Investigations Department (5) How to interface with Police Officers and (6) Neighborhood Watch Today.

Chief Sauls thanked everyone for attending the Joint meeting. He stated he was very happy to stand before the citizens to speak on topics that they have an interest in. Chief Sauls stated the Greenville Police Dept. have serious concerns about keeping the community safe, the contentment of residents, and the rapport the Greenville Police Department has with the community. Chief Sauls also noted that the PCRC and the NAB are the fillers and voice between the Greenville Police Department and the community.

Chief Sauls explained his role as Interim Chief. He stated that the Chief hiring process is underway. The City Manager is currently working with the International Association of Chief of Police Committee to narrow the application process. After the application selection process is complete, interviews will be conducted, and a selection for the Chief of Police will be announced. Following the selection, the Interim Chief and the Command staff will introduce the new Chief of Police to various boards and commissions. This process should be completed by September or October.

Chief Sauls stated that there are 184 sworn police officers and approximately 90,000 citizens that reside in the City of Greenville. He stated there are no problems too small. The Greenville Police Department handles numerous of issues and Chief Sauls would be willing to explain to citizens how certain issues are handled if they had concerns. In addition, he explained if the citizens didn't know who to call, he could provide them a guide on how to get started. Handouts were passed out during the meeting.

Additionally Chief Sauls informed the citizens they could use the City's Web page for a source of information. The city's web page is the city's compass that provides information directing citizens to the department that handles specific issues.

It was explained that the Police Department is broken down into three Bureaus with a captain assigned to each bureau.

- 1) The Field Operations Bureau- Cpt. Ken Laws
- 2) The Criminal investigation Bureau- Cpt. Robert Williams
- 3) The Administration Services Bureau- Cpt. Chris Ivey

The Field Operations Bureau – are sworn officers that citizens see in marked and unmarked patrol cars wearing a uniform and responding to calls for service. The gang unit wears a non tradition uniform such as polo shirts, patrol pants and an outer vest that states gang unit. The downtown unit wears blue shirts and travels on bicycles. They are called the Center City unit. The Center City is currently located on West Fifth Street at the Sub-Station. This location is the West Zone and consists of 1/3 of the city. The East Zone is located near Ollies (10th and Greenville Blvd.) The South Zone works from the main police department location on Greene Street.

Lt. Tyndall is in charge of Special Operations and the Swat.
Sgt. Anderson oversees the Tactical Patrol.
Sgt. Oxendine is in charge of Center City Unit.

The Criminal investigation Bureau - Chief Sauls stated that the Criminal Investigations Bureau is commanded by a captain and lieutenant and consists of five primary units. Those units are (1) the Major Crimes Unit, (2) the Property Crimes Unit, (3) the Special Victims Unit, (4) the Special Investigations Unit, and (5) the Focused Deterrence Unit. Each unit is supervised by a sergeant.

A crime comparison for the month of May in 2014 and 2015 was provided that noted the crime numbers decreased 28% from 2014. The Greenville Police Department is to be commended for their efforts with bringing crime down 28%. Additional crime percentages can be found on the City of Greenville's Police Department's web home page.

Chief Sauls spoke briefly on body cameras. He stated that the Police Department currently has 33 cameras in use. Through a grant, the police dept. has about 25 more cameras coming in and after the new fiscal year begins, which is July 1st, 2015, every police officer should have body cameras.

The Administration Services Bureau

The Administrative Services Bureau is responsible for providing administrative support services necessary for the effective operations of the entire Police Department. This Bureau works behind the scenes supporting the men and women who work in the community, which many citizens refer to as "working the streets".

Chief Sauls talked about **How to Interface with Police Officers**. This topic mainly is geared towards patrol officers. Examples of how to interact with a police officer when stopped or pulled over were provided.

1. Turn your music down
2. Roll your window down
3. If it's dark turn your interior light on so the officer can see
4. Keep your hands on the steering wheel
5. Produce your license and registration

Chief Sauls stated that once an officer has the driver's registration he then introduce himself and talks to the person to let them know why they were stopped. He stated that it is normal for a person to feel nervous when they are stopped by a police officer. However, Chief Sauls stated communication is a key!

IX. Public Comments - Limit 3 minutes each

THREE (3) MINUTES ALLOTTED PER SPEAKER

FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES ALLOTTED FOR THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Questions were asked and can be obtained on the voice tape maintained in the Police Department for this meeting.

X. ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Tim Webster (PCRC) **Second:** Richard Crisp (PCRC)

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Tiana Keith, Neighborhood Liaison Ombudsman