SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson Diane Kulik called the Police Community Relations Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall Conference Room, Greenville, NC.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson Diane Kulik asked each committee member and city staff to introduce themselves.

Committee members present:

Greg Rubel, District 3 Diane Kulik, Chairperson

Scott Snyder, District 4 Carol Bass, District 5

Committee members absent:

Jermaine McNair

City Staff Members present:

Sgt. Dale Mills

Sylvia Horne

Billie Jo Viverette

Lt. David Anderson

Officer A. Blackmon
Officer S. Paldino
Officer R. Kurtz
Officer R. McClain

Devinder Culver

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairperson Diane Kulik asked for a motion for approval of the agenda.

Motion: Carol Bass Seconded: Greg Rubel

The agenda was unanimously approved by the committee.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairperson Diane Kulik stated that the December minutes will sent out before the next meeting.

Chairperson Diane Kulik read the Police Community Relations Committee mission statement.

Chairperson Diane Kulik explained because of the snow and staff unable to attend tonight, the purpose of tonight's meeting was changed. She explained that the meeting originally scheduled for tonight will be moved to February's meeting. Tonight's agenda was changed to New Neighborhood Patrol Unit Initiative and Safety Concerns in Neighborhoods.

Lt. David Anderson discussed the initiative from a commanding officer's perspective. He explained that he is the West Zone Commander and that there are two officers assigned to each zone. He discussed the various crime reduction initiatives that they apply to reduce the highest crimes in each zone. He stated that the combination of crime analysis, information given by citizens and the hard work of the Neighborhood officers is what makes the Neighborhood Patrol Unit Initiative a success.

Officers Blackmon and Paldino discussed their daily routines and the issues that they work on in the East Zone. They discussed how they work together with property owners to combat criminal activity.

Chairperson Diane Kulik asked Scott Snyder what the biggest problems that occur in the Brook Valley area. Scott stated that the problems that occur the most is crimes of opportunity; vehicle doors being left unlocked, garage doors left open, and similar incidents.

Greg Rubel stated that they hasn't been any major incidents in the Truna and University area. He stated that the increase in incidents usually occurs when the students are gone.

Chairperson Diane Kulik asked Officer McClain what area he worked in. He stated he was in the South Zone. He discussed how a lot of people use Facebook to share information about current incidents. He stated that all the neighborhood officers attend roll call and review End of Shift reports that details daily activities. He stated that they review the reports and discuss what areas and activities that they need to work on. They also receive information from Crime stoppers as well.

It was discussed by the Neighborhood officers the numerous ways that they can be contacted; via cell phone numbers, telephone numbers at each zone, or by emails.

It was asked if there were any statistics to show that the Red Light camera program was working to help deter crime. Sgt. Mills stated that they have heard that several thousand tickets have been issued, but the statistics are being reviewed but are not complete as of yet.

Chairperson Diane Kulik thanked everyone from the Police Department for coming and sharing all the good information; and for the hard work they do every day.

A motion was made by Greg Rubel to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Carol Bass.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.