

**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 Eppes Recreational Center Multi-purpose 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	Jermaine McNair, Mayoral
Carol Bass, District 5	

Committee members absent:

None

City Staff Members present:

Chief of Police Mark Holtzman	Sgt. Scott Stanton	Kristen Klindworth
Sgt. Dale Mills	Sgt. C. Espinoza	Officer A. Blackmon
Sylvia Horne	Officer B. Gillen	Officer J.L. Aldridge
Asst. Attorney Donald Phillips	Officer B. Quick	
Lt. David Anderson	Officer S. Paldino	
Devinder Culver	Officer R. McClain	

City Council:

Mayor P.J. Connelly
Council Member At-Large, Brian Meyerhoeffler
Council Member Kandie Smith, District 1
Council Member Rick Smiley, District 4

Others:

Senator Don Davis
Major Paula Dance, Pitt County Sheriff
Mr. Jarrette Pittman, Asst. District Attorney
Citizens – NC Civil, Neighborhood Advisory Board, Pitt Co. DEMS, Community Self-Empowerment, NCDPS, WBIS Politics, Greenville Community Development.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion: Jermaine McNair
Seconded: Carol Bass

The agenda was unanimously approved by the committee.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairperson Diane Kulik asked for a motion for approval of the December 12, 2017 Minutes.

Motion: Carol Bass
Seconded: Greg Rubel

The minutes was unanimously approved by the committee.

Chairperson Diane Kulik asked for a motion for approval of the January 9, 2018 Minutes.

Motion: Carol Bass
Seconded: Scott Snyder

The minutes was unanimously approved by the committee.

MISSION AND PURPOSE OF MEETING

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

TOPIC: N.C. CIVIL PRESENTATION/WESTGATE PROJECT

Jermaine McNair introduced himself and thanked everyone for coming out the meeting. He give a brief overview from last year meeting on the Westgate Initiative project before he updated the citizen as to where the project is today.

One year after starting a project to transform their community, people gathered together to talk about the progress they've made and the work that still needs to be done.

Police officers, city council members, and community members gathered at CM Eppes Recreation Center on Tuesday for an update on the Westgate Project in Greenville.

It's an initiative founded as a partnership between the non-profit group NC Civil and the Greenville Police Department and built with the idea of creating a responsive relationship between the community of West Greenville and law enforcement.

"Last year was a year of us coming together around that common cause, learning our own strengths and weaknesses, and figuring out how we can create one collective way to service our community better," says Jermaine McNair, the founding director of NC Civil.

Since its inception, the Westgate Project has boasted a number of accomplishments including pop-up markets and fairs that introduce members of the community to certain partners that are looking to make improvements in the area.

It has also created an understanding between the police department and NC Civil that any young person between the age of 16 and 24 arrested in the west zone is offered help through the organization with the idea that an arrest does not have to be a life-defining event.

"It's a great outreach," says Lt. David Anderson, the west zone commander. "So it gives us the opportunity to reach out to the community and have some good candid discussions and let the community know essentially what we are doing."

As the project enters its second year, leaders say that collaboration will be the key in the future as they work to continue building stronger partnerships to better serve the area.

Tuesday night, NC Civil also introduced the Community Employment Pipeline, which was created in pursuit to increase the community's access to resources and careers with organizations such as Vidant Health and Pitt Community College.

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

Motion: Carol Bass

Seconded: Scott Snyder

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.