

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

March 13, 2013
Greenville, NC

Chairperson Shawan Sutton called the Police Community Relations Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the CM Epps Recreational Center, 400 Nash Street, Greenville, NC.

Chairperson Shawan Sutton asked for a motion for approval of the March 13, 2013 agenda.

Motion: Mr. Tom McCullough
Second: Ms. Carol Naipaul

The agenda was unanimously approved by the committee.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Chairperson Shawan Sutton asked for a motion for approval of the February 13, 2013 minutes.

Motion: Mr. Tom McCullough
Second: Ms. Carol Naipaul

The minutes were unanimously approved by the committee.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chairperson Shawan Sutton asked each member to introduce themselves and let everyone know which district they represented.

MISSION OF COMMITTEE AND PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Chairperson Shawan Sutton stated that the purpose of the Committee was:

- To serve as a liaison between the community and the police;
- To serve as an advocate for programs, ideas, and methods to improve relations between the community and the police;
- To disseminate information to the community and the City with regard to the state of relations between the community and the Greenville Police Department;
- To assist and promote the community education efforts concerning safety awareness and community and individual awareness.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shawan Sutton; Chairperson, District 1
Tom McCullough; Vice Chair, District 5
Marcus Jones; Mayoral

Wayne Whipple; District 4
Carol Naipaul; District 2

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Belinda Perkinson; District 3

Brian Paiz; At-Large

CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sylvia Horne, Administration Bureau Secretary; Sgt. Joe Friday, Public Information Officer; Lt. Edward Carson, PAL, Crime Prevention; Megan Butler PAL Coordinator.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

None

OTHERS:

6 Citizens

**NEW BUSINESS – (PAL) Police Athletic League Opportunities- Ms. Megan Butler
PAL Coordinator**

Ms. Megan Butler introduced herself to the committee and citizens. She stated to the citizens that PAL stands for Police Athletic League and that PAL is located at two schools: Eppes Recreation Center, and South Greenville School. Listed below are further details of what the PAL program offers.

PAL Serves:

City of Greenville Youth
Youth Ages 5 – 13

PAL Also Offer:

Parent Involvement
Mentor & Volunteer Opportunities

The Things PAL Do:

Arts and Crafts
Baseball
Basketball
BMX Clinics
Computer/Reading
Dance
Cheerleading
Field Trips
Football (Flag & Tackle)
Free Play
Help with Homework
Karate Lessons
Swim Lessons

PAL hours of Operation

After School – (school days) 2:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Summer Camp (Monday – Friday) 7:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Ms. Butler informed the citizens that if they wanted additional information on PAL to contact her at 329-4384. Other officers involved with PAL are:

Officer Adrienne Ellington (Truancy) 329-4383
Officer Les Jackson 329-4355
Officer Richard Williams 329-4138

At this time Ms. Butler asked the citizens and PCRC members if they had any questions.

Police Updates – Sgt. Joe Friday

Sgt. Joe Friday informed the committee and citizens that he wanted to update them on things that were happening at the Police Department. They are as follows:

- Kicking off the Police Traffic and Safety Initiative (Re-dedicating the traffic unit on Arlington Blvd.)
- In the process of getting 24 additional radars.
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design – National recognized type of program that takes into account how a city is layout and planned.
- The Police Mobile Command Center (A Mobile Sub-Station) it is a violence reduction program.

At this time Sgt. Friday asked the citizens and PCRC members if they had any questions or concerns they wanted the address in their neighborhood.

Public Expression and Questions

The citizens asked several questions and made several comments.

Chairperson Shawan Sutton thanked the committee members and citizens for coming out to the PCRC meeting. She also passed out tickets to everyone that attended the meeting in order to win a door prize. The prizes were 6 IGCC (Inter-Generational Community Center) goodie bags.

Chairperson Shawan Sutton asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Mr. Tom McCullough
Second: Ms. Carol Naipaul

The next meeting is on April 18, 2013. Joint meeting with the Neighborhood Advisory Board at 6:30 p.m. City Hall room 327.

ADJOURN – 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Horne
Administration Bureau Secretary
Greenville Police Department
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