

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

May 8, 2013
Greenville, NC

Chairperson Shawan Sutton called the Police Community Relations Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Sheppard Memorial Library, 530 South Evans Street, Greenville, NC.

Chairperson Shawan Sutton asked for a motion for approval of the May 8, 2013 agenda.

Motion: Ms. Carol Naipaul
Second: Mr. Marcus Jones

The agenda was unanimously approved by the committee.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Chairperson Shawan Sutton asked for a motion for approval of the March 13th and April 18th, 2013 minutes.

March 13, 2013 Minutes

Motion: Mr. Tom McCullough
Second: Ms. Belinda Perkinson

The minutes were unanimously approved by the committee.

April 18, 2013 Minutes

Motion: Ms. Carol Naipaul
Second: Mr. Marcus Jones

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

Carol Naipaul; District 2
Belinda Perkinson; District 3

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Wayne Whipple; District 4

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.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Council Member Rose Glover, Mayor Pro-Tem/District 2

OTHERS:

1 Citizen (Lillian Outterbridge)

NEW BUSINESS – Open Forum

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:

- Announced Chief Aden's strategic plan (2014 – 2016). The plan includes: Leadership & Ethics Strategies, Optimizing Organizational Structure, Crime Reduction, Traffic Safety, Community Engagement, and Technology & Equipment needs.
- Announced there were five armed robberies reported in one day at the police department. One robbery was reported on a false account.
- The Code Enforcement & the Sanitation Department will be joining up this weekend to do extra work to clean up the neighborhoods and make the students aware of what they can leave on the curbside.
- Announced the Unity Tour – it is a ride of police officers or relatives of police officers, riding in honor of officers who were killed in a line of duty. There were about 40 riders who stopped by the police dept. Light refreshments were served.
- Ms. Naipaul commented on Chief Aden's presentation of the strategic plan given at the city council meeting. She stated that plan was going to be very helpful to each district and that she felt like the plan was brilliant. Another item Ms. Naipaul commented on was training for community crime watch volunteers. She felt that it would be a good idea to have people serving on community watch trained so that they would know: what to observe, how to speak and how to act when approaching people in the neighborhood
- Lt. Carson announced the police academy starting (Sept. 9, 2013) It is a 10 week course held on Monday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Citizens can go on line and register for the class. The maximum amount of citizens per class is twenty. The cost is free to the citizens of Greenville.
- Lt. Carson announced the youth academy starting (Sept. 9, 2013) It is a 7 week course held on Monday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The age group is from 14 to 17 years old.
- Ms. Otterbridge commented that she wish that it was some way that it could be

- mandatory for all the youths to attend the academy.
- Mr. McCullough asked Lt. Carson was there any way that the Police Dept. could develop a Boy's Scout Badge through the local council to go to feed the junior police academy. Lt. Carson stated that he liked the idea.
 - Ms. Glover spoke highly of the Code Enforcement Division. She stated that the officers had great training, but Mr. Dawson had extensive training in the NC Housing Code Association and also helped wrote some of their manual.
 - Council member Rose Glover also praised Chief Aden's three year strategic plan. She went over the same overview as Sgt. Friday stated earlier.
 - Sgt. Friday gave Kudos to Ms. Devinder Culver and Rhonda Connor for seeking out grants that create programs and find monies to fund the programs that are very strategic minded programs.
 - Ms. Outterbridge asked Sgt. Friday and Lt. Carson if the city had a program like the PAL program that checks up on the senior citizens. Lt. Carson said no. He stated that the closest thing would be the community watch program to help network with one another.
 - Council member Rose Glover thanked all the PCRC member for serving on the committee.
 - Lt. Carson discuss a new concept called (CPTED) Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design – National recognized type of program that takes into account how a city is layout and planned. It's like a crime survey; where the officer come out and assess the landscape of the environment and community to see what is contributing to crime or what could be changed to help reduce the crime. Several officers have been sent away for special training just for (CPTED). They have formed team called burglary response team. The areas that are prone to or that have been recently been victimized by burglaries the burglary response team will go out and assess the areas of what improvements can be made to minimized their opportunities to be victimized again. The burglary response team is available for request if citizens want a survey done. The citizens must call the police to request the survey.
 - Chairperson Shawan Sutton thanked everyone for coming out to (IGCC) Lucille W. Gorham Intergenerational Center for Spring Clean –Up day along with the Code Enforcement Division. There was a total of six hundred and twenty six participates.

Public Expression and Questions

The PCRC committee members asked several questions and made several comments.

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

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

The next meeting is on June 12, 2013. Meeting place is to be announced.

ADJOURN – 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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