

**Citizens Police Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 6, 2014
Asheville Police Department**

Present: Chair Allen Brailsford, Debbie Applewhite, Fred Cooke, Brad Galbraith, Jay Gurney, Carol Rogoff Hallstrom, Larry Holt, Councilman Chris Pelly, Chief Anderson, Capt Gonce, Capt Splain, Lt Hawkins

Meeting: Called to order by Chair Brailsford at 3:30 p.m.

Roll Call – Introduction of Visitors

- Carol Rogoff Hallstrom introduced Brittany Boseman, a second year CAYLA student. Ms. Boseman gave a brief overview of the CAYLA program, and what she had gained from participating.

Strategic Plan Update – CPAC’s involvement with Strategic Planning Area “Community Quality of Life.”

- Chief Anderson shared that the Strategic Plan was presented to City Council on July 29, and was well received
- Lt Hawkins, Leader of the Community Quality of Life Planning Area, gave an update on her committee’s progress.
 - o Working on deadlines for strategies for year
 - o Community Watch: good way to get feedback; creating comprehensive map of neighborhoods in city; will share with other city department; will combine into rough draft and then ask for feedback from CPAC, ABCRC, and other community groups; Goal: find out how neighborhoods want to be communicated with; will be defining both traditional and non-traditional neighborhoods; reach out to areas that look like good areas for neighborhood watch; request to review maps prior to meeting so can provide more informed feedback – communicating in advance of meeting important; Goal: identify an additional 15 neighborhood watch areas; hoping for PIO assistance
- Chief: in early discussion phase of PIO; will need to align with City’s strategic goals and Office of Public Engagement

Stop the Violence Initiative

- APD is at the table with the Inter-ministerial Alliance (IMA) and other community members
- Work together to address violence issues
- APD’s role is still being developed; still in discussion stage; functions, directions

Domestic Violence Initiative

- Last year Buncombe Co was #2 in state domestic violence homicides
- Buncombe County Domestic Violence Task Force: all law enforcement agencies, judges, magistrates, college LE; encouraged all to come together to identify common response
- Have looked at best of all different initiatives done around nation;
- Lethality assessment: no decision yet on how or whether to use
- Close on determining policies on protocol and focus

- Four different phases to address offenders:
 - o Focused Deterrence – notify and warn DV offenders through letters and call-ins.
 - o High Risk DV Team – monitor DV offenders and control offender behavior
 - o Electronic Monitoring – GPS tracking of the most violent DV offenders
 - o Cross System Dialogue – continue to improve strategies by communicating with community partners about victims, offenders and DV issues
- For once, all onus will fall on offender; reverse trend so victim can follow normal life
- Gives first responders law enforcement tools to evaluate situation and assess how serious
- Training for law enforcement – every time do with thought in mind that there may not be willing victim to prosecute case
- Changing the way we do business to reduce number of domestic violence homicides

Discussion – CPAC Mission Statement

- Councilman Pelly: Creation of governance committee within City Council
 - o Tell story better of what City does well
 - o Looking at ways to improve communication with greater community by looking at all boards and commissions
 - o Looking at how boards functioning – are they working well
- Outline of creation of CPAC and original goals – are they still relevant?
- Goal is representation from / add to idea with geographical focus; informal way of helping citizens community with APD
- Recommend accept role as advocate, but recommend “mediate” no longer appropriate; Councilman Pelly will report back on recommendation of language change

CPAC Member Ride-Alongs

- Reminder that it is important for CPAC members to participate in ride-alongs; arrangements can be made through Chris Bradford, Admin Asst for Patrol (259-5875 or cbradford@ashevillenc.gov)
- Also good to participate in the Citizens Police Academy (contact Keith McCulloch, Crime Prevention Officer, 259-5834 or kmcculloch@ashevillenc.gov)

Round Table / Shared Experiences

- Debbie Applewhite (East): Ms. Applewhite shared that CPAC should think seriously about taking on National Night Out; perfect place for CPAC to be involved; take it back out into the neighborhoods so get people out in their own neighborhood; use of fun piece of community watch; should be driven by communities; good way to keep neighborhood groups engaged; Chief Anderson suggested that this would tie in directly to the Strategic Operations Plan.
- Allen Brailsford (West): Chair Brailsford reported that 75 – 100 attended their recent community picnic. He also relayed that speed bumps were going in this month on River View Rd (needed to get signatures from 60% of the households)
- Carol Rogoff Hallstrom (North): Ms. Hallstrom reported that her area was 17th in line for speed bumps, and hope to see them installed in 3 – 4 years. She also stated that she was delighted to see the turnout of officers for the National Night Out event but asked if there was a way to help with the discomfort level of many (“clumping”); Mr. Gurney and Mr. Cooke disagreed with Ms. Hallstrom’s assessment, and voiced their appreciation and support for the officers

Discussion – CPAC Meeting Time

- Decision: first Wednesday of the month, 3:30 p.m., Training Room – Police & Fire (4th Floor, Municipal Bldg)

New Business

- The group asked to be forwarded the invitation to Capt Splain's retirement party, which will be held on Friday, August 29, 3:00 p.m., in the Training Room – Police & Fire

Adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 3, 3:30 p.m.