

**Citizens Police Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 3, 2016
Asheville Police Department**

Present: Keith Young (Councilman), Jayden Gurney (Chair), Larry Holt (Vice Chair), Debbie Applewhite, Allen Brailsford, Fred Cooke, Carol Rogoff Hallstrom, Cliff Joslin, Chief Tammy Hooper, Deputy Chief James Baumstark, Sgt. Michael Lamb, Paul Fetherston (Assistant City Manager), John Maddux (Assistant City Attorney), Marsha Stickford

Guest: Michael Beech, Father Jim Abbott

Meeting: Called to order by Chair Jayden Gurney at 3:00 p.m.

Moment of Silence: Moment of silence in honor of deceased CPAC member Keith DeBlasio

Approval of Minutes:

- December minutes were approved as submitted

APD & City Staff Update:

Update from Chief Hooper:

- Reported that APD currently has 22 sworn vacancies
- Presented "APD Body Worn Camera Implementation Fact Sheet" (attached); spoke to importance of balance of privacy and accountability; edits will be made to draft once LE Technology Specialist position filled – will be program manager; suggestions by committee to replace "citizens" with "all persons" and to communicate regularly with similarly sized municipalities re results of their BWC implementation (best practices)
- Encouraged all CPAC members to attend the Citizens Police Academy, beginning March 3

New Business:

Proposed appointment of a Public Housing resident to vacant Ad Hoc seat:

- Residents Council's nomination of Sir Charles Gardner supported in a unanimous vote

Outreach: Round Table / Shared Experiences:

North (28804) – Carol Rogoff Hallstrom:

- Continued concerns with B&Es of unlocked cars; questioned possibility of public information campaign, similar to the "Watch For Me" pedestrian safety campaign to get the message out; would like more Secure It Lock It cards to hand out; Christina Hallingse, PIO, regularly pushes out on social media; district commanders looking into different options/opportunities; send email with thoughts to Janet Lampkin
- Will report on Stop the Violence activities at March meeting

South (28803) – Cliff Joslin:

- No report / no concerns; vote on construction at Mills Gap / Sweeten Creek deferred by City Council; lots of truck traffic on Sweeten Creek Road

East (28805) – Debbie Applewhite:

- Damage to golf course during snow by SUV driving on it, but offenders caught

West (28806) – Allen Brailsford:

- Uptick in B&Es last month calmed down; area residents positive about meeting with Chief to discuss same; current B&Es primarily of unlocked vehicles

Central (28801) – Larry Holt:

- Secure It Lock It program worked well in parking garages (City property)
- Commended City: best handling of snow since has lived downtown; downtown never shut down
- Graffiti has popped up again; talking with Sgt Coward and night officers
- Appreciate efforts of all DTU officers

Housing – Jayden Gurney:

- Relatively quiet
- Officers on Housing Unit doing great job

Ad Hoc (MADD) – Fred Cooke :

- NC ALE very active and present in Asheville
- MADD wants to become involved in prevention
- NC has seen 25% increase of DWI arrests with minors in the car

Ad Hoc (Residents Council) – Sir Charles Gardner

- Speeding concerns in Livingston and on Granada Street
- Wanted to thank APD as hasn't heard complaints about harassment in a long time

Sgt. Michael Lamb

- Housing Unit did good outreach during Christmas by distributing presents to Housing residents, participating in "Shop With A Cop" and Xmas Hats with another group
- VCI Call-In scheduled for April; will let group know when public can review face-sheets
- Encourage all to participate in a ride-a-long this year

Public Comment:

Father Jim Abbott

- Appreciate comments and concerns re BWC civil liberties and privacy issues
- Shared with committee panel discussion scheduled by the County on Body Worn Cameras to be held at UNCA on Feb 8 at 6:00p; Sheriff Duncan, Chief Hooper and Frank Goldsmith to participate

Adjourned: 4:15PM

Next Meeting Date: March 2, 3:00 p.m.