

**Citizens Police Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 4, 2016
Asheville Police Department**

Present: Councilman Keith Young, Chair Jayden Gurney, Vice Chair Larry Holt, Debbie Applewhite, Allen Brailsford, Fred Cooke, Sir Charles Gardner, Carol Rogoff Hallstrom, Cliff Joslin

Staff: Chief Tammy Hooper, Deputy Chief James Baumstark, Assistant City Manager Paul Fetherston, Lt. Wally Welch, Christina Hallingse, Marsha Stickford

Guests: Jim Abbott, Michael Beech, Ann Karson, Shavonda Harper

Meeting: Called to order by Chair Jayden Gurney at 3:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

- April minutes were approved as submitted.

Presentation: Sgt. Ann Fowler, DWI Task Force Update

- Primary function is the investigation and enforcement of laws prohibiting driving while impaired
- Consists of two Buncombe Co deputies and four APD officers
- APD personnel assigned to Task Force are cross sworn through the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office
- Alcohol impaired arrests going down; drug impaired going up
- Education important piece; pushing education of drug impairment
- Promoting Sober Heroes program – driver free of all drugs and alcohol

APD & City Staff Update:

Update from Chief Hooper:

- Property Room update: making significant progress on getting through backlog items; two of the large shipping containers used for storage have been removed
- Strategic Operating Plan (SOP)/Matrix update: have integrated SOP and Matrix Report; all recommendations from Matrix Report either completed or ongoing; Deputy Chief Wood working on final Matrix Report; turning SOP into multi-year strategic plan with more defined timelines and goals
- Crime update: this year, crime through April a little up; notable increases in domestic aggravated assaults; increase in residential burglaries and stolen vehicles (mopeds); working with crime analyst to find patterns/trends and then ways to deploy resources to address crime more effectively

Update from Marsha Stickford:

- Traffic calming in Oak Forest: working on getting speed reduced to 25mph and more speed limit signs posted

- National Night Out: Scheduled for Tuesday, August 2; to better address intent of NNO, moving back out into neighborhoods/clusters; hope CPAC members will take the lead on organizing; CROs good resource; will share flyers when ready
- Merrimon Ave/ Beaver Lake crosswalk: Neighborhood Advisory Committee meeting in North Asheville May 23, 7:00p, North Asheville Library; Transportation Director Ken Putnam attending to develop community strategy to address crosswalk issue with NC DOT

Old Business:

Former ABCRC seat on CPAC

- Carol Rogoff Hallstrom motioned to recommend to the Boards and Commissions Committee of City Council that the Asheville Buncombe Community Relations Council seat be converted to a seat for a resident of the Asheville Housing Authority. Larry Holt seconded.
- The motion carried on a 7-0 vote. Cooke, Joslin, Hallstrom, Holt, Gurney, Brailsford, and Gardner voted in support of the motion; Applewhite abstained.

Ad-Hoc term limits

- Vice Chair Holt motioned to recommend to the Boards and Commissions Committee of City Council that the Citizens Police Advisory Committee set a term limit of 12 months on Ad Hoc seats. Allen Brailsford seconded.
- The motion carried on an 8-0 vote.

New Business: Committee member regional concerns

North (28804) – Carol Rogoff Hallstrom:

- Salvation Station concerns: expressed traffic and pedestrian safety concerns replicating those experienced last year at the ByWater due to a capacity of 2000 and parking for 300; Marsha Stickford will follow up with DSD on zoning
- In addition to motions on former ABCRC seat on CPAC and Ad-Hoc term limits, Ms. Rogoff Hallstrom proposed a shifting sub-committee of CPAC members to identify community issues as a way to assign ad-hoc seats, and the consideration of a youth representative on the committee
- Will invite representatives of “Black Lives Matter” to give presentation at July meeting since Chair Gurney and Chief Hooper unable to attend June meeting
- Expressed her appreciation to Chief Hooper and Lt. Rollins for their participation in and support of the Racial Equity Institute workshop to be held May 18-19

South – Cliff Joslin

- Nothing to report

East – Debbie Applewhite:

- As resident of East Asheville, Chair Gurney expressed his concerns of speeding on New Haw Creek Road

West – Allen Brailsford

- With opening of New Belgium Brewery, watching for traffic and parking issues
- Also expressed concerns with construction traffic on Riverview Drive; often hard to get through; neighborhood concerned with room for emergency ingress and egress; Marsha Stickford to follow up with DSD

Central – Larry Holt

- With warmer weather, usual pass through of seasonal transients
- Seems to be new group of buskars
- Downtown Unit doing great job

- City's cleaning efforts paying off
- Graffiti seems to have slowed down a bit

Housing – Chair Gurney

- Busier with the warmer weather

Ad Hoc: MADD – Fred Cooke

- Thanked Sgt. Fowler for her presentation
- Commended Sgt. Fowler for receiving the NC MADD Officer of the Year award
- Shared that Sgt. Fowler is recognized nationally as a premier law enforcement officer on impairment recognition

Ad Hoc: AHA Residents Council – Sir Charles Gardner

- Expressed concerns re confrontations in Pisgah View
- Sgt. Lamb to meet with Residents Council to come up with a plan for July 4th

Public Comment:

Shavonda Harper

- Hopes for more police presence in housing units
- Asked for officers to do things to build relationships with the kids
- Requested that officers attend Residents Council meetings
- NNO: need more nights like that to build community trust
- Thanked Ms. Rogoff Hallstrom for promoting a permanent position on CPAC for a resident of the Asheville Housing Authority

Jim Abbott

- Shared that the East End Valley Street Neighborhood Association is extremely pleased with their CROs (Lucas Lovelace and Sean Davis); they attend their meetings; is important way to do policing
- Grateful for police support of REI

Ann Karson

- Attends Stop the Violence Coalition meetings; encouraged that are aware of country wide concerns
- Encouraged by work of CPAC

Michael Beech

- May 15, 3:00p, meeting at Catawba Brewing to try to re-establish Oakley Neighborhood Association
- Thanks to APD for representation at both Building Bridges and REI workshop

Adjourned: 4:25 PM

Next Meeting Date: June 1, 3:00 p.m.