

**Citizens Police Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 6, 2016
Asheville Police Department**

Present: Chair Jayden Gurney, Vice Chair Larry Holt, Debbie Applewhite, Allen Brailsford, Sir Charles Gardner, Carol Rogoff Hallstrom, Allison Scott

Staff: Chief Tammy Hooper, Deputy Chief James Baumstark, Assistant City Manager Paul Fetherston, Sgt. Jonathan Brown, Sgt. Michael Lamb, Sgt. Michael McClanahan, Christina Hallingse, Dawa Hitch, Jaime Matthews, Marsha Stickford

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

Approval of Minutes:

- June minutes were approved as amended

Introduction of New Member: Allison Scott, Member-At-Large

APD & City Staff Update:

Downtown Public Space Management:

- A team of staff members, including Chief Hooper, have been developing ways to enhance public safety and maximize experience through Downtown Public Space Management
- Have presented draft plan to Public Safety Committee twice
- Developing timeline to have enforceable regulations in place by spring of 2017
- No regulation or ordinance changes at this time
- Will update committee when staff is closer to going back to Public Safety Committee

Chief Hooper's Update: Officer Involved Shooting

- Process is that State Bureau of Investigation is called to conduct investigation.
- Once completed, totality of findings sent to District Attorney (DA) for review
- DA will make decision on charges
- Cannot provide additional information specific to investigation
- APD will conduct internal inquiry to determine if officer followed APD policy and procedures
- Will then evaluate if policies need to be changed, updated or modified

Motion:

Carol Rogoff Hallstrom motioned that the Committee set aside the formal agenda to allow adequate time for public comment. Allen Brailsford seconded. The motion carried.

Public Comment: all expressed their concerns over the events of July 2

Amy Cantrell:

- Asked for a moment of silence in honor of Jerry Williams
- Encouraged Chief Hooper to reach out to the family

- Suggested Asheville become a model on how to heal and how to stop excessive police force which causes this kind of violence

Paul Howell:

- Since more officers are killed by blacks vs whites, officers have an innate fear of blacks
- Need more interaction in housing units
- Expressed concerns over too much use of excessive force by law enforcement

Jonathan Robert

- Expressed his concerns over use of force protocol and policy

Julie Schreyer

- Expressed her concerns over death of Jerry Williams
- She is not reassured by the processes in place to investigate the death

Ashley Cooper

- Shared that 13-16 people killed in July by police
- Need to solve problems through relationships
- Officers have an unconscious bias
- Need to work on de-escalation techniques

Shavonda Harper

- Kids are starting to fear police again
- Officers need to start building relationships
- Officer presence in housing units needed in an engaging way

Kynasia Robinson (13 years old)

- Blacks shouldn't be looked down upon
- Shouldn't be afraid of officers
- Of 776 blacks killed, 161 unarmed
- Police should protect, not kill

Marcus Lewis (14 years old)

- Officers use skin color as racial profiling
- Time for madness to end
- Trust of officers gone

Dee Williams

- Need to get body cams in place for all officers
- No one from City Hall or APD has called the Williams' family to say they are sorry
- Encouraged the children that anything is possible

Anthony Whiteside

- Kids need to know that officers are there to protect, teach and guide but right now scared and intimidated
- Officers need to find a way to help the kids

Committee member regional concerns

Ad Hoc: AHA Residents Council – Sir Charles Gardner

- Expressed concerns over effectiveness of police presence over July 4th

North: Carol Rogoff Hallstrom

- Thanked the speakers and others for their attendance and comments

- Would like to discuss at August meeting a possible time and location change for future CPAC meetings

Councilmember Keith Young

- Expressed his appreciation to those attending and comments presented

Adjourned: 4:10 PM

Next Meeting Date: August 3, 3:00 p.m.