

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

**Present:** Councilmember Keith Young, Chair Jayden Gurney, Vice Chair Larry Holt, Debbie Applewhite, Allen Brailsford, Carol Rogoff Hallstrom, Cliff Joslin, Shana McDowell

**Staff:** Assistant City Manager Paul Fetherston, Deputy Chief James Baumstark, Capt. Stony Gonce, Lt. Michael Lamb, Christina Hallingse, Dawa Hitch, Marsha Stickford, John Maddux, Kelley Klope

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Carol Rogoff Hallstrom motioned to table the matter until the minutes could be revised to more accurately reflect concerns expressed by members of the public at the July meeting. Vice Chair Holt seconded. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Introduction of New Member:** Shana McDowell, Member-At-Large

**APD & City Staff Update:**

Deputy Chief James Baumstark

- DC Baumstark presented ppt presentation referencing July 21 march in downtown Asheville
- Body Worn Camera Update: Currently 60 body cams on officers; hoping to order 60 additional cameras if grant funding is approved; if grant funding is approved should be fully equipped with body worn cameras by FY 2017-2018

**Presentation: Delores Venable (Black Lives Matter)**

- Ms. Venable expressed her concerns regarding the July 2 officer involved shooting; stated that the anxiety and concern from the black community comes from real situations
- She suggested that all officers receive REI training; that the mentality of the department needed to change
- She shared the document, "Campaign Zero Local Policy Agenda, " demanding that the agenda be adopted by APD
- She insisted that a dialogue begin between APD and Black Lives Matter

**Committee member regional concerns**

North: Carol Rogoff Hallstrom

- Ms. Rogoff Hallstrom shared that a rabid beaver had been caught in Beaver Lake
- She expressed her concern that a member of CPAC was not included in the Use of Force Policy Citizens Work Group; Assistant City Manager Fetherston explained that the Chief and the Racial Justice Coalition were working to identify the composition of the group

East: Debbie Applewhite

- Ms. Applewhite expressed her concerns over officer safety due to the national climate of officers being the target of violence

West: Allen Brailsford

- Mr. Brailsford commented on the success of National Night Out events
- He shared that EWANA was having a picnic on Sunday behind Hall Fletcher School
- He requested that Lt. Eberhardt attend the next meeting to discuss recruitment efforts, as he had noticed that there were no minorities in the last group of trainees

Downtown – Vice Chair Larry Holt

- Vice Chair Holt shared that there had been good attendance at the DARN / South Slope joint National Night Out function
- He noted that as it is the middle of tourist season, lots of activity downtown; downtown residents very pleased with the support from the DTU

Housing Authority: Chair Jayden Gurney

- Chair Gurney shared that they are negotiating the Housing Authority / APD contract
- He commented that the Housing Units are seeing an increase in heroin and meth issues
- As an East resident, Chair Gurney attended the successful NNO event at Charlie Bullman Park; he spoke in support of new concept of breaking NNO back into the community

Member-At-Large: Shana McDowell

- Ms. McDowell echoed Ms. Applewhite's concern over how to keep officers safe; she suggested brainstorming ways to do so

**Public Comment:**

Michael Beech

- Recommended attending Building Bridges and REI training (next REI training is Sept 14-15, DC Baumstark, Capt Gonce and a yet-to-be-determined Sgt will attend)
- Asked if public can request calls for service (yes, through a public records request)
- Asked for a one year training schedule for officers

Dee Williams

- Provides technical assistance to Black Lives Matter through Uplift Solutions
- All have racial implicit bias
- Need to converse openly and honestly
- APD not here to address social and economic issues
- APD needs to put together a database to track uses of force over the years to spot cops with problems

Clare Hanrahan

- There were two separate marches on July 21; public perception was intentionally manipulated; the one in the morning was peaceful
- Officers need to be trained to not use lethal force as a first reaction

Jonathan Robert

- Need to stop inflammatory rhetoric

- Concerned about comments on Facebook page regarding “Threats of violence against protestors on APD Facebook Page in violation of NC 14-277.1 ‘Communicating Threats’”; APD should use same initiative to serve warrants on these people as those participating in march protest

#### Calvin Allen

- Questioned officer’s access to AK-14

#### Ray Mapp

- Artwork over Council in Council Chambers celebration of white supremacy
- Culture of Asheville has racist elements

#### Vicki Meath

- Responsibility of advisory committee should be to ask tough questions that challenge narrative
- Expressed concerns over what has been clarified and control of narrative
- Enforcing the law a week later (after march July 21) was act of intimidation

#### Matt Shepard

- Was there to express similar concerns as others
- Implicit bias changes way you think and do in crisis situations
- More anger not productive to humanity
- Appreciated Ms. Venable’s presentation

#### James Love

- Resident of Asheville Terrace Apartments which just had cameras installed; seem to be effective in reducing crime

#### Sgt. (Ret.) Rondell Lance

- 33 officers killed in line of duty this year
- Need to look at totality of circumstances in officer involved shooting
- Facts being distorted; facts will show officer justified in shooting

#### Mr. Hardy

- APD needs to review Use of Force procedures and policies

**Councilmember Young:** CPAC needs to clarify questions for staff to be answered at next meeting if not before

Questions:

- APD Facebook management policy
- City Council meeting handout
- Monthly update from Chief of Police on Body Worn Camera implementation

**Adjourned: 4:45 PM**

*Next Meeting Date: September 7, 3:00 p.m.*