

**AGENDA**  
**Grand Rapids Police Community**  
**Advisory Board**  
Meeting of August 8, 2017  
7:00 AM  
City Hall Conference Room

Call to order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes: April 4th , 2017

Public Comment

Board Member Reports

Old Business:

- Minnesota Juvenile Officer Association
- Guest speaker Officer Greg Lease/School Liaison officer High School
- City Council meeting presentation
- Youth member
- Citizens Academy
- Sanctuary Cities – GRPD Policy

New Business:

- Snow Ordinance
- New Polices

Items for next agenda:

- SWAT
- 2018 Budget
- Diversity Policies for hiring Police Officers
- Discuss the number of meeting per year
- Like to hear from other members and the Assist Chief whether there should be more or less meetings

Adjournment:

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS  
POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD  
Tuesday, April 4th, 2017 7:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof a regular meeting of the Grand Rapids Police Community Advisory Board was held in Conference Room 2B of the City Hall, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, on Tuesday April 4th, 2017 7:00 A.M.

CALL OF ROLL: On a Call of Roll, the following members were present: Nalan, Dowell, Neustrom, Johnson, Demuth, and Wendy. Absent: Barress, Janssen and Braxton.

Staff Present: Jacqueline Heinrich and Steve Schaar

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by John Nalan at 7:00 A.M.
2. Call of Role:
3. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of April 4th, 2017.
4. Public Comment: There was no members of the public present.
5. Board Member Reports:

Mr. Neustrom reports motorcycles going to fast down Airport Rd. Information will be forwarded to a day Sgt.

Mr. Nalan noted that the incident involving murder/suicide was handle very well by the Grand Rapids Police Department.

Mrs. Dowell reports that on Pokegama Ave to Crystal Lake the traffic is going too fast. It happens more in the afternoon.

Chief spoke about the incident that happen the past week (suicide/attempted murder).

A. Old Business:

1. Officer Lease spoke about the safety for students and staff, working with students that may have emotional problems. He stated that at times he becomes the Liaison between student, principal and Law Enforcement.
2. Question regarding if he (Officer Lease) feels that he gets pulled into more school issues? Officer Lease stated "yes" he works very close with the Principals.
3. Question regarding citations: Officer Lease stated that there has been less crime since SRO's have been present.
4. Officer Lease feels that his presents within the school also allows the students to more comfortable around Law Enforcement.
5. All of the Schools perform lock down drills. When a lock down drill is performs Officer Lease goes around the building checking doors making sure they are locked. They are mandated by the state to perform 10 drills per year this includes fire and tornado drills.
6. Officer Lease is currently working with the school to implement a color code system for each floor to assist Law Enforcement when in a situation.
7. Janssen added that part of his job is Safety Coordinator for IASK and works with 20 area schools and School Resource Officers providing information of safety.
8. Several attempts have been made to contact Spawn with no luck. We will be looking fill that position and there is another position open.
9. Citizens Academy: If anyone was interested in please contact Assist. Chief Steve Schaar or Sgt. Stein.
10. Sanctuary Cities – GRPD Policy – Grand Rapids Police Department has no policy.
11. Meeting time was added to the agenda: Asking that we look at time and consider afternoon. It was mentioned that the time would only be discussed once a year.
12. It was mentioned about doing Coffee Talk.
13. It was recommended for all PCAB members to watch the Police Chronicles and possible have the PCAB on the program.

14. Mr. Janssen will be speaking at the next council meeting in 2 weeks.

B. New Business:

- a. Citizens Academy highly recommend when program becomes available again.
- b. Mrs. Demuth said that she would talk with Dale Christy's Civic Group for the youth member.
- c. Mr. Neustrom stated to try and find someone that is not interested in Law Enforcement.
- d. Mr. Nalan would like to know how we react to Illegal immigration?. Also, how does Law Enforcement deal with immigration and Customs Enforcement?
- e. Mr. Neustrom stated that the Community works very well together.
- f. Wendy asked if we have someone that can help translate when there may be a situation that one would be needed.?
- g. Snow ordinance: How many were given out?

h.

December 80

January 198

February 60

March 8

Chief spoke about how the ordinance came about and looked at the existing ordinance seen that it needed change.

- i. Regarding the Snow ordinance anyone can sign up for code Red where they would send a notice to their phone alerting you that your vehicle needs to be moved.
- j. Chief spoke about the budget and the hiring of a new Officer and Sgt. In the fall of 2017. He also spoke about that we will not be receiving LGA the coming year.
- k. Mrs. Dowell spoke about podcast where you can check a clearance rate – number of cases solved within your city. What is a clearance rate? This is how we report to the BCA (Bureau of Criminal apprehension). Clearance rate is only statics.
- l. Mr. Nalan introduced Wendy Uzelac and thanked her for filing for the position and looks forward to her being a part of the PCAB.

- m. Chief added to the agenda: Liaison officer in the schools, issues are neighboring city. Liaison officers work with District 318. The issues is the Sheriff's dept. did not want our officers going to Cohasset unless asked for mutual aid. School District and the community do not agree with this decision. An M.O.U was written up and the Officers are now going to Cohasset 1-2 days a week – Relationship Building!!

Motion by Mr. Neustrom, seconded by Mrs. Dowell approved by John to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 AM. Vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Date of next meeting: June 6, 2017, 7:00 AM, City Hall Conference Room 2B

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Heinrich

These are minutes for April there was no meeting for the month of June 2017.