

AGENDA
Grand Rapids Police Community
Advisory Board

Meeting of April 4, 2017

7:00 AM

City Hall Conference Room

Call to order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes: Feb. 7th, 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:

Adjournment

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

CALL OF ROLL: On a Call of Roll, the following members were present: Connelly, Nalan, Janssen, Dowell, Neustrom, Braxton, Demuth, Barress, and special guest Greg Lease- SRO High School. Absent: Johnson and Spawn.

Staff Present: Jacqueline Heinrich and Steve Schaar

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

Mr. Braxton reports nothing new to report.

Mr. Nalan reports that some people are having a difficult time with the new snow ordinance.

Mr. Barress nothing at this time.

Mrs. Demuth stated that snow ordinance went very well the 2nd time around.

Mr. Janssen reports that he spoke with church members and will be speaking with some of the community at the YMCA.

Mr. Neustrom stated that in the fall of 2018 Grand Rapids and Itasca county will be housing anglers for the National known Bass Tournament. This event draws in a large number of visitors to the Grand Rapids Area.

6. Old Business:
 - a. Snow Removal – How many for 2017
 - b. New article regarding Police Community Advisory Board.
 - c. Animal Control Contracts – Contracts being renewed.

7. New Business:

- a. Special Guest Officer Greg Lease SRO for the Grand Rapids High School.
 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.

Motion by Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Nalan to adjourn the meeting at 8:07AM. Vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Date of next meeting: April 4, 2017, 7:00 AM, City Hall Conference Room 2B

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Heinrich