

AGENDA
Grand Rapids Police Community
Advisory Board
Meeting of Oct. 4th , 2016
7:00 AM
City Hall Conference Room

Call to order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes: August 2nd , 2016

Public Comment

Board Member Reports

Old Business:

Budget Update 2017

New Business

Off month public engagement meetings

Press

Review GRPD Community Programs

- School Liaison Officer
- Police Reserves
- Citizens Academy
- Teen Academy
- Shop with a Hero
- Vacation Check
- Vehicle Unlock
- Hospital Security
- College Student Intern
- GRPD Chronicles

Items for next agenda:

Adjournment

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS
POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, August 02, 2016 – 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 August 2, 2016 7:03 A.M.

CALL OF ROLL: On a Call of Roll, the following members were present: Demuth, Braxton, Nalan, Burress, Janssen, Dowell. Absent: Neustrom, George, Spawn.

Staff Present: Steve Schaar, Scott Johnson, Jacqueline Heinrich

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Janssen at 7:03 A.M.
2. Call of Role
3. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of June 21, 2016 7:04 A.M..
4. Public Comment: There was no members of the public present.
5. Board Member Reports:

Chair Janssen reports that he spoke with several members of the public and they expressed to him the importance of maintaining board transparency.

6. Old Business:
 - a. Body Cameras – The Board discussed body cameras and the recent legislation. They requested that the local newspaper be asked to publish an article describing the requirements of this legislation and the burden it places on police departments. Chief Johnson stated he would speak with the local newspaper about this. Member Braxton brought up the pros and cons of body cameras.
 - b. Meeting Times/Dates – A discussion took place as to the time of day that meetings should be held. There was no consensus to change meeting times or dates.
7. New Business:
 - a. Police Department 2017 Budget Request: Chief Johnson explained the budget process and Assistant Chief Schaar provided a summary of the 2017 Budget request and justification. It was pointed out that 85% of the budget falls under personnel costs.

The board discussed the SWAT team line-item amount. The Board expressed to Assistant Chief Schaar that they would like to learn more about the SWAT team and

suggested that one or two SWAT team members be invited to a future meeting to explain what the SWAT team does.

The board agreed that training/education of department members is important.

The consensus was that the police department budget request is reasonable.

- b. Community Outreach – Discussion was held regarding meeting with the public and various mechanisms to do so. It was agreed that each member would develop a list of community organizations they are aware of and e-mail these to Jackie Heinrich so that a list could be developed for the next meeting.

Additional suggestions regarding community outreach included:

- Survey
- Town Hall Meeting
- Article in the paper regarding what the PCAB does.

Member Braxton made the board aware that 80 new colleges students have just arrived at ICC. He suggested that maybe there should be a gathering of some sort between the police and these students so that they can get acquainted.

- c. Chair Janssen spoke about the programs that GRPD currently has. A full description will be brought back at a future meeting. In the meantime he encouraged members to prioritize those programs they are familiar with.

8. Items for next agenda: List of community outreach programs currently being offered by the police department.

Motion by Janssen, second by Demuth to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 A.M. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Heinrich