

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

Call to order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes: Dec. 6th , 2016

Public Comment

Board Member Reports

Old Business:

- City Of Grand Rapids Animal Control Facility

New 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

Items for next agenda:

Adjournment

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS  
POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD  
Tuesday, December 6, 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 December 6, 2016 7:00 A.M.

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

Staff Present: Scott Johnson, 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 October 4, 2016.
4. Public Comment: There was no members of the public present.
5. Board Member Reports:

Mr. Braxton reports that all is going well at Itasca Community College. He states that there is continued improvement with the Itasca Diversity Alliance with reaching out to the community.

Mrs. Dowell reports that she attended a Human Rights meeting and the concern was crime in the Grand Rapids area. Chief Johnson stated Grand Rapids is a safe community to live in.

Mr. Burress reports that he was surprised that the community is not aware of the PCAB and feels more public awareness regarding the board through media.

Chief Johnson reported an overview of the 2016 discussions. He thanked the board and stated this was the last meeting for this year and is looking forward to the 2017 PCAB.

Chief Johnson touched on a few items that were brought to the board for discussions:

Body Camera's –Not important.

Budget for the Animal Control Facility,

Brent Bradley retiring on December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016, he will be taking a teaching position at Hibbing Community College.

December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 is Shop with a cop at Walmart.

We again received a wonderful donation from 2 anonymous donors of \$2000.00 dollars to give away a \$100.00 each to someone in need.

Chief stated that he was leaving today to go the Capital as he is Co-Chair appointed by the counsel in "Building better relationships between Police and Community" at the State Capital.

Mr. Neustrom asked about the SWAT team budget. SWAT currently had a fundraiser supporting them and there will be continued fundraiser's in the future. Itasca County along with the Grand Rapids Police budget for the SWAT.

Mr. Nalan reports that he has spoken with a few people and had positive reaction regarding PCAB but, feels more media coverage would be great.

Mr. Janssen reports that he spoke with a few groups that meet at the YMCA. A few asked why the committee was created concerned there maybe problems in the Grand Rapids area. Mr. Janssen suggested that we need to get newspaper and radio station to do article regarding the Police Community Advisory Board.

6. Old Business:

- a. The Board stated they would like to learn more about the role of the SWAT Team and discussed having representatives of the SWAT Team present at a future meeting. Discussion included having a special meeting off site to view SWAT equipment..

The Board discussed having off site meetings to further engage the public. One venue mentioned was the YMCA. The use of internet "Doodle" to schedule meetings was discussed.

Mr. Neustrom reinforced that the purpose for meeting with the public was to provide input and not to receive complaints about specific incidents.

Chief Johnson presented the 2016 police department goals, providing a status report on each. The consensus of the board was that the Teen Academy in the High School should be continued and that communication was the key to getting better attendance. It was suggested by the board that a morning session may garner more attendance than an afternoon session. A recap was provided of the Anishinaabe cultural awareness training.

Chief Johnson also presented the 2017 proposed police department goals. The Board expressed support for these goals.

Chief Johnson distributed the recently completed Blandin Pulse Survey noting that 80% of the respondents reported their belief that crime was being adequately addressed in their communities but that 60% believed crime was an issue.

Ms. Dowell led a discussion regarding lockdown drills in schools. It was suggested that this discussion continue at a future meeting.

- b. Chief Johnson updated board on 2017 proposed police department.

- c. Chair Janssen encouraged the Board to view the police department's cable television show, "GRPD Chronicles."
- d. Mr. Neustrom described the National Bass tournament that came to Grand Rapids in August and how this benefitted the community. He expressed appreciation to the police department for providing security.

7. New Business:

- a. Animal Control:
  - City of Grand Rapids choice to build an Animal Control Facility for domesticated animals.
  - Cities we're offered use of the facility for a monthly fee.
  - Cohasset, LaPrairie, Coleraine, and Itasca County.
  - All Cities should be fair and Equitable
  - Itasca County feels that the cities that have a Police Department should fall under their umbrella.
  - Every City even if they don't have a Police Department should pay a monthly fee to use the facility.
  - Suggestion to invite Sheriff Vic Williams to the meeting and discuss the Animal Control facility.
- b. Make a motion:
  - To define what is a County Animal. Tim George made motion , Neustrom Seconded the motion in collaborated cities -Health and Wellness
  - Do we need to rewrite the contract reflexing what county mean's?
- c. Terms for Police Community Advisory Board: Braxton, and Neustrom.  
All in favor – unanimous motion accepted.
- d. Motion made for Mr. Janssen to continue as Board Chair –motion made by Neustrom Seconded by Nalan.
- e. Dowell expressed that one of members has not attend a meeting since June of 2016.
  - a. Board Chair will make contact with Spawn regarding his nonattendance.

Motion by Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Neustrom to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 AM. Vote to adjourn was unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Heinrich

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

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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