

**SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE
POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

June 13, 2017
Greenville, NC

Chairperson Diane Kulik called the Police Community Relations Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., at Jaycee Park, Multi-purpose room, 2000 Cedar Lane, Greenville, NC 27858.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Chairperson Diane Kulik asked for a motion for approval of the June 13, 2017 agenda. But she wanted to add an item to the June 13th agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE REVISED AGENDA:

Chairperson Diane Kulik asked for a motion to accept and approve the amended agenda with the addition of “***Security Systems Problems***” added after item five on the agenda.

Motion: Mr. Jermaine McNair
Seconded: Mr. Lennard Naipaul

The revised agenda were unanimously approved by the committee.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Chairperson Diane Kulik asked for a motion for approval of the May 9, 2017 minutes.

Motion: Mr. Greg Rubel
Seconded: Mr. Scott Snyder

The minutes were unanimously approved by the committee.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS / ROLL CALL:

Chairperson Diane Kulik provided opportunity for each committee member and city staff to introduce themselves.

MISSION OF COMMITTEE AND PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Chairperson Diane Kulik read the purpose of the meeting:

To serve as a liaison between the community and the police; to serve as an advocate for programs, ideas, and methods to improve relations between the community and the police; to disseminate information to the community and the City with regard to the state of relations between the community and the Greenville Police Department; to assist and promote the community education efforts concerning safety awareness and community and individual awareness.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lennard Naipaul; District 2
Greg Rubel; District 3
Diane Kulik; Chairperson, At-Large

Scott Snyder; District 4
Jermaine McNair; Mayoral

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Donald K. Phillips, Assistant Attorney; Sylvia Horne, Administrative Staff Support Specialist; Sgt. Dale Mills, Community Outreach; Devinder Culver, Community Project Coordinator; Lt. Michael Broadwell, Strategic Services; Lt. Carlton Williams, South Zone Commander.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

None

OTHERS:

Mr. Darrin Burnette – Community Watch Leader
Mr. Brian Ceccarelli – Cary, N.C.
News Media
Daily Reflector - Reporter

NEW BUSINESS:

Guest Speaker: Lt. Carlton Williams – Greenville Police Department
Topic: Security System Problems

Lt. Carlton Williams informed the citizens about the current security company sales associates that are out in various neighborhoods. No company name was mentioned but he wanted residents to be smart about opening doors to unknown people. Most of the sales had occurred later in the afternoon and as late as 9:30 to 10:00 p.m. He received an email from a citizen who received a solicitation at 9:30 p.m. and the security alarm system sales person showed up at 10:00 p.m. to complete the installation. Lt. Williams reminded the citizens it is their door and they do not have to open it. Lt. Williams stated that he recommends before any citizen have someone coming to their home. 1. Know who they are and check out their services ahead of time. Lt. Williams also stated that if the salesperson say: "if it is such a good deal today; then it probably should be a great deal tomorrow." If it sounds too good to be true, the old saying: "it probably is." Take your time and decide services you as a citizen want in your home and also decide who you let into your home. Please make sure that the person is properly permitted. The Greenville Police Department issues permits with the person's picture on the permit. It is a separate ID from their other ID's. Lastly he informed the citizens to use caution and if they had any idea that the person may be suspicious in nature or if they felt uncomfortable do not open the door. And as always Lt. Williams informed the citizens to call the police department if they felt they needed to. He reminded the citizens that the police officers are on duty to serve all citizens.

Guest Speaker: Lt. Michael Broadwell – Greenville Police Department

Topic: Red Light Camera Initiative

Lt. Broadwell introduced himself to the Police Committee Relations Committee and citizens shared some of his work history with the Greenville Police Department. Below are some key points Lt. Broadwell discussed regarding the “Red Light Initiative Program.”

- Greenville will start using red light cameras in approximately 45 days.
- The red light camera program is scheduled to go into service at the end of July or the beginning of August.
- There will be a 30-day grace period in which drivers caught on camera running a red light will receive warning tickets and they’ll be able to go online and watch a video that shows their vehicle running the red light.
- The city is contracting with American Traffic Solutions to implement 10 red light cameras at five intersections, which include Memorial Drive and Arlington Boulevard, Greenville Boulevard and Arlington Boulevard, Arlington Boulevard and Fire Tower Road, Charles Boulevard and 14th Street and Charles Boulevard and Fire Tower Road.
- The cost of the program is \$2.5 million, with each camera costing approximately \$200,000. The cost of the program is expected to be paid for by the fines from the citations people receive for running the red lights.
- Each fine is \$100, with a \$100 late fee if it’s not paid on time.
- Based on figures from Fayetteville, which also has a red light camera program run by American Traffic Solutions, it is expected that about 43 citations will be issued each day and that \$1.3 million will go to Pitt County Schools.
- Fayetteville experienced a 46-percent reduction in crashes at their red light camera intersections.
- Citations are mailed to the registered owner of the car. Even if the owner was not the driver who ran the red light, the owner will be responsible for paying the civil fine. No points will be added to an owner’s driving record, and in some cases, the owner can fill out a form to transfer liability to the driver of the vehicle.
- The citation is like getting a parking ticket. The owner of the vehicle is responsible for paying it.
- The system works by anticipating, based on speed, when someone is going to run a red light. That alerts the camera, which takes a photo as the car approaches the stop line or stop bar then takes another photo of the car in the intersection.
- If the front of the vehicle has not crossed the stop line when the light turns red, American Traffic Solutions sends that video to the Greenville Police Department, where a Greenville officer will review the video to determine whether to issue the ticket.
- After a person gets the ticket, he or she can go online, use the code on the ticket and watch the video of their vehicle running the red light. If the owner doesn’t think the video shows the vehicle running the red light, the person can appeal the ticket.

Below is additional information displayed from the “Red Light Initiative Program” presentation.

Pictures of the Red Light Cameras

Custom Painted



Mounted on Existing Infrastructure



For more information regarding the “Red Light Initiative.” Please visit the City of Greenville/Police web page at www.greenvillenc.gov .

Public Expression and Questions

The committee members asked several questions, and made comments and concerns regarding Red Light Camera Initiative.

Chairperson Diane Kulik asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Mr. Jermaine McNair

Seconded: Mr. Lennard Naipaul

The committee unanimously adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting is on September 12, 2017. Meeting place will be announced later.

ADJOURN – 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Horne

Administration Bureau Secretary, Greenville Police Department

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