

SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

May 14th, 2019

Sgt. Dale Mills called the Police Community Relations Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., at Newks Eatery, Greenville, NC. Sgt. Dale Mills welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained the reason for the meeting at the Newks restaurant was so that the PCRC meetings were held in all districts throughout the city.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Carol Ann Bass, Vice Chairperson, informed everyone that Greg Rubel, Chairperson was unable to attend due to illness. She asked the committee members to introduce themselves.

Committee members present:

Carol Ann Bass, District 5
Scott Snyder, District 4
Gregory Barrett, District 1
Betsy Ray, Mayoral
Lennard Naipaul, District 2

City Staff Members present:

Chief Holtzman	Officer A. Blackmon
Sgt. Dale Mills	Officer K. Goodman
Billie Jo Viverette	Officer C. Lewellyn
Devinder Culver	Officer T. Greene
Donald K. Phillips	Officer R. McClain

Council Member Will Litchfield
Council Member Brian Meyerhoeffer
Council Member Rick Smiley

Excused Absence

Greg Rubel, Chairperson, District 3
Dr. Louis Warren, At-Large

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Gregory Barrett made a motion; seconded by Betsy Ray. The agenda was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Gregory Barrett; seconded by Betsy Ray. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Carol Ann read the mission statement. She explained that the topic for tonight is “Neighborhood Policing” and that she invited officers to come and speak to the group. She asked the officers to introduce themselves.

Officer McClain explained the duties and purpose of the Neighborhood Policing officers. He discussed in detail how the officers interact with the communities that they are assigned to. He talked about the crimes that they tend to see the most; the one that occurs most often is property stolen from parked vehicles.

He talked about the importance of locking vehicles and keeping property out of sight within the vehicles. He discussed the importance of writing down serial numbers of property and how it helps officers when locating property.

Officer McClain then discussed environmental preventions that citizens can do to protect their property. He discussed in detail how landscaping and efficient outdoor lighting can help prevent break-ins. He also talked about different locks on doors and windows that can prevent break-ins. He informed the group that there is a form called Vacation House Check that can be filled out when residents go on vacation. He explained that the form gives the police the dates on which the house will be vacate; and that it notifies them when they need to give that address extra attention.

There was discussion on various apps and programs that can be used to assist in crime prevention. The group was informed about the Crimestoppers program also.

Officer Blackmon encouraged everyone to call the police department anytime they see suspicious cars or activity in neighborhoods. She explained how important that information is for officers to investigate criminal activity.

Officer McClain encouraged everyone to make contact with him by email with further information or questions. His work email is: rmclain@greenvillenc.gov.

Carol Ann thanked everyone for coming. She discussed with the board members if they were interested in changing the time of the meetings. All agreed they were interested. There will be further discussion at the next meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Betsy Ray; seconded by Scott Snyder. The meeting adjourned.