



# City of Greenville Police Community Relations Committee

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 12, 2023  
Greenville City Council Chambers  
200 West Fifth Street  
Greenville, NC 27834

## **Committee Members Present:**

Sonny Bass (Chair)	District 5
Diane Kulik	At-Large
Rev. Philip Lyon	Mayoral
Rosemary Johnson	District 3

## **Committee Members Absent/Excused:**

Mark Parker (Vice Chair)	District 1
Sterling Ruffin	District 4
Vacant	District 2

## **City Staff Members Present:**

Police Chief, Ted D. Sauls Jr., Staff Liaison  
Assistant City Attorney, Donald K. Phillips, Staff Liaison  
Major Richard Tyndall, Administrative Services Bureau  
Lt. William Stokes, Strategic Services  
Community Projects Coordinator, Devinder Culver, Staff Liaison

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The meeting was officially called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair Sonny Bass. Sonny welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked PCRC members to introduce themselves. Staff Liaison Devinder Culver called the roll call, and a quorum was established.

Chair Sonny Bass asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Philip Lyons made a motion to approve the agenda and Diane Kulik seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Mr. Sonny Bass then asked for a motion to approve the minutes for May 9, 2023. Philip Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes and Diane Kulik seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

Chair Sonny Bass introduced Chief Sauls and Major Richard Tyndall from the Greenville Police Department Administrative Bureau. Chief Sauls welcomed everyone and joined the audience (17 attendees) and conducted the meeting “fireside chat fashion.”

Chief Sauls once again mentioned the purpose of the Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC) which is to provide the community with the opportunity to engage with the police and make a difference. He strongly encouraged the audience to utilize these meetings to share ideas, opinions and to work together with the Greenville Police Department on issues of concern.

Chief Sauls and Major Tyndall said that they wanted to address the audience's issues and concerns by answering their questions. The relaxed, open atmosphere created an environment conducive to honest dialogue. There were several prepared questions and many spontaneous queries covering:

- promotion of public safety
- retention and recruitment
- neighborhood crime
- relations between the police and the community
- the possibility of future events to bring the community and neighborhood together
- gun violence
- traffic stops
- bicycle patrols
- benefits of substations located in the community
- training and autism
- rate of clearing cases
- accreditation
- the co-responder program

The discussion was animated, and the audience was very engaged. The discussion was brought to a close at 7:20 p.m.

Mr. Bass asked for a motion to adjourn. Diane Kulik made a motion to adjourn, and Philip Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Devinder Culver*

Devinder Culver, Staff Liaison