



City of Greenville Police Community Relations Committee

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 14, 2023
Greenville Church of God,
3105 S. Memorial Drive,
Greenville, NC 27834

Committee Members Present:

Sonny Bass (Chair)	District 5
Mark Parker (Vice Chair)	District 1
Diane Kulik	At-Large
Rev. Philip Lyon	Mayoral
Stacy Ruffin	District 4

Committee Members Absent/Excused:

Rosemary Johnson	District 3
Vacant	District 2

City Staff Members Present:

Deputy Chief, C. Ivey
Assistant City Attorney, Donald K. Phillips, Staff Liaison
Major Richard Tyndall, Administrative Services Bureau
Lt. William Stokes, Strategic Services
A.P.O. B. Groccia
S.R.O. A. Pool
Community Projects Coordinator, Devinder Culver, Staff Liaison

The meeting was officially called to order at 6:05 p.m. by the Committee Chair Sonny Bass. Sonny welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Pastor Philip Lyons and his Church for hosting the meeting. He said that tonight's topic was extremely important and pertinent to these times. Sonny then asked Staff Liaison Devinder Culver to conduct the roll call. A quorum was established.

Chair Sonny Bass introduced Deputy Chief Chris Ivey and Major Richard Tyndall from the Greenville Police Department, Administrative Bureau. Deputy Chief Ivey (D.C. Ivey) welcomed everyone (50 attendees) and introduced himself. He mentioned that Chief Ted Sauls Jr. was extremely sorry that he could not be here tonight as he had a pre-planned vacation. D.C. Ivey and Major Tyndall said that they wanted to address audience generated issues and concerns by answering their questions. They strongly urged the audience to utilize this meeting to share ideas, thoughts and opinions and to work together and with the Greenville Police Department to formulate and individualize safety procedures which would meet the needs of their specific churches/facilities.

Major Tyndall gave an overview of safety-related activities with the intention that each church/entity would choose those elements most appropriate for their situation. Please find below a summary of the topics addressed:

- See Something, Say Something

- Avoid/Deny/Defend
- Church Security Plan – Greeters
 - Escorts out of buildings
 - parking lot - tours around the parking lot, lighting
 - walk the halls looking for people/
 - closing and locking doors – limit access
 - security system/cameras/have a way to communicate with each other
 - ask/remind congregation to lock cars and remove valuables from view

Major Tyndall then opened up the session for audience questions. Please find below a list of some of the topics that were covered:

- religious institutions need to work together to keep everyone safe. There is safety in numbers.
- placement of security personnel/sanctuary
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design – security survey
- Run, Hide, Fight – fight is last resort
- active shooter threat
- car break ins
- disruptive people
- church is private property
- safety training for pastors

The audience was very engaged and there were numerous questions. The discussion ended at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Sonny Bass thanked DC Ivey and Major Tydell for a most informative meeting, which could have easily continued for another hour.

Devinder reminded Sonny that the Committee needed to review and approve the September 12, 2023 minutes. The Committee reviewed the minutes. As there were no amendments Sonny asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Philip Lyon made the motion which was seconded by Mark Parker. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Mr. Bass then 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 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Devinder Culver

Devinder Culver, Staff Liaison