



City of Greenville Police Community Relations Committee

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 11, 2024
Club Level (C), Towne Bank Tower
Blackbeard's Alley
Greenville, NC 27858

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent/Excused:

Rosemary Johnson	District 3
Eric Ellison	District 2

Council Liaison Present: Council Member, Portia Willis

Others Present:

Council Member, Marion Blackburn
Captain Mike Montanye – East Zone
Assistant City Attorney, Donald K. Phillips, Staff Liaison
ECU Chief of Police, Jason Sugg
ECU Campus Safety, Bill Koch
ECU Police Department, Community Affairs, Sgt. Brian Richardson
Lt. William Stokes
Community Projects Coordinator, Devinder Culver, Staff Liaison

Meeting Highlights

The police Community Relations Committee (PCRC) meeting was officially called to order at 6:03 p.m. by the Committee Chair, Sonny Bass. Sonny welcomed everyone to the meeting and then asked Staff Liaison Devinder Culver to conduct the roll call. A quorum was established.

Chairperson Sonny Bass asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Mark Parker made the motion and Philip Lyon seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Sonny then asked for a motion to approve the minutes for June 11, 2024. Mark Parker made a motion to approve the minutes. Philip Lyon seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

Sonny thanked Chief Sugg and his staff for hosting the meeting at the Towne Bank Tower. He then introduced Chief Jason Sugg.

Chief Sugg thanked everyone for attending and mentioned that it had been several years since the ECU Police Department and Greenville Police Department had hosted an event like this together. Chief Sugg explained that there was a close relationship between the two departments and that they worked together on a regular basis. He said that approximately 80 % of the student body lived off campus, therefore there were agreements in place which allowed the departments to work together across jurisdictional boundaries. The citywide mutual aid agreement which has been in place since 2017 helps keep the students and the whole community safe.

Chief Suggs and Captain Montanye mentioned the following safety related issues:

- student/neighbor relationships – how to be a good neighbor
- responsibility for personal safety
 - being aware of surroundings
 - how not to become a victim
 - sharing whereabouts with a trusted individual
 - keeping personal information private
 - staying in well-lit areas
 - investing in personal safety tools e.g. pepper spray, personal alarms,
- responsibility for personal property
 - locking apartment and securing windows
 - locking car, keeping valuables out of sight
 - keeping personal information private – Internet Safety

The importance of the national campaign "If You See Something, Say Something" was stressed. Students need to be taught about the campaign and how to recognize and report suspicious activity.

Chairperson Sonny Bass thanked Chief Sugg and Captain Montanye for a wonderful presentation. Sonny thanked the audience for attending and invited them to the next PCRC business meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m. October 8, 2024, location is to be determined.

There was a short business meeting to confirm the topic for the October 8, 2024 meeting. The decision was made to have an orientation/information refresher as planned. Sonny asked Devinder to follow up with Donald Phillips and Valerie Shiuwegar. Devinder said that Rosemary Johnson was ready with her topic for November: "State of the Police."

Devinder mentioned the 2024 National Night Out event scheduled for October 1, 2024 and the possible participation of PCRC members. The general consensus was to share a table with the City Clerk, Valerie Shiuwegar same as last year, but members could not commit to attendance immediately.

Mark Parker mentioned that this was his last PCRC meeting as he was moving to Winterville. Everyone was sad that Mark was leaving as he always has the community's interests at heart. He will be missed.

There being no other business. Sonny asked for a motion to adjourn, Philip made a motion to adjourn, and Diane Kulik seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Devinder Culver

Devinder Culver, Staff Liaison