



# City of Greenville Police Community Relations Committee

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 10, 2024  
City Hall Conference Room 337  
200 West Fifth Street  
Greenville, NC 27834

## **Committee Members Present:**

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

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

Eric Ellison	District 2
Vacant	District 3

**Council Liaison Absent:** Council Member, Portia Willis

## **Others Present:**

Chief, Ted Sauls, Ex-Officio Advisor  
Assistant City Attorney, Donald K. Phillips, Ex-Officio Advisor  
Community Projects Coordinator, Devinder Culver, Staff Liaison

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## **Meeting Highlights**

Chairperson Sonny Bass called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then asked Staff Liaison Devinder Culver to conduct the roll call. Roll call was conducted, and a quorum was established.

Chairperson Sonny Bass asked for a motion for approval of the agenda. Diane Kulik made the motion and Stacy Ruffin seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Sonny Bass asked for a motion to approve the minutes for November 12, 2024. Philip Lyon made a motion to approve the minutes and Stacy Ruffin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously as read.

Sonny Bass welcomed new member Asiya Khaatoon and everyone introduced themselves.

Sonny Bass asked Assistant City Attorney Donald Philips to begin the elections process. Sonny Bass was elected as the Chairperson and Diane Kulik as Vice-Chair.

Chairperson Sonny Bass led the 2025 planning session which began with a discussion about the location of meetings. The accessibility of City Hall, parking and the construction surrounding the area were discussed.

Chief Sauls mentioned that soon all City Boards and Commissions would be required to use Granicus-Peak Agenda Management to produce agendas which were consistent in format. He also stated that the City Public Information Officer (PIO) would be producing the flyers which would then be advertised on the City website. The Greenville Police Department (GPD) PIO would then post the flyer to further advertise the event. Granicus-Peak Agenda Management Instructions for the City Boards and Commissions will be distributed in the near future.

Committee members asked Chief Sauls if they would still be able to choose the location and topic of the PCRC meetings. Chief Sauls confirmed that that would still be the case. Chief Sauls referred the Committee members to the PCRC Bylaws and the purpose of the Committee which was to be the liaison between the community and police over issues of common concern. It was determined that the issues should come from the community. After some discussion it was suggested that Committee members could contact their respective Council members to determine issues of interest and perhaps conduct a community survey.

Chairperson Sonny Bass asked for a motion to conduct a citizen survey. Philip Lyon made a motion to conduct a citizen survey and Diane Kulik seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

The following plans were discussed:

January 2025	- planning month – survey citizens - ask for topics of interest
February 2025	- tentative - Chief Sauls will present on the State of the Department – What GPD does well and what we need help with/advocacy for state legislation
	- crashes – what does and does not work
June 2025	- Diane Kulik - canine demonstration

The need for flexibility and alternative scheduling was stressed. The following potential topics were discussed:

- bullying
- vaping
- eating disorders
- drug usage
- distracted driving
- gun safety

Chairperson Bass thanked everyone for attending, he reminded everyone that the next meeting was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. January 14, 2025. Sonny then asked for a motion to adjourn, Diane Kulik made the motion and Philip seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Devinder Culver*

Devinder Culver, Staff Liaison