

**SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE
POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

January 14, 2015
Greenville, NC

Chairperson Diane Kulik called the Police Community Relations Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Police Headquarters (training rooms A&B), 500 South Greene Street, Greenville, NC 27834.

Chairperson Diane Kulik asked for a motion for approval of the January 14, 2015 agenda. Assistant City Attorney Little made a suggestion to move the tour of the police department to the last item on the agenda, so that when the committee finished the tour; they could leave. There were also two items added to the agenda.

- 1.) The by-laws approval
- 2.) To move the tour of the Greenville Police Department after the public expression and adjourning the meeting before the tour.

Mr. Richard Crisp made a motion to change the date of the PCRC meetings to the second Tuesday of each month.

Motion: Mr. Richard Crisp
Second: Ms. Belinda Perkinson

The agenda was unanimously approved by the committee.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Chairperson Diane Kulik asked for a motion for approval of the December 17, 2014 minutes.

Motion: Mr. Richard Crisp
Second: Ms. Belinda Perkinson

The minutes were unanimously approved by the committee.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chairperson Diane Kulik asked each member to introduce themselves and let everyone know which district they represented.

MISSION OF COMMITTEE AND PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Chairperson Diane Kulik read the purpose of the meeting:

- To serve as a liaison between the community and the police;
- To serve as an advocate for programs, ideas, and methods to improve relations between the community and the police;
- To disseminate information to the community and the City with regard to the state of relations between the community and the Greenville Police Department;
- To assist and promote the community education efforts concerning safety awareness and community and individual awareness.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lennard Naipaul; District 2	Richard Crisp; District 4
Belinda Perkinson; District 3	Diane Kulik; Chairperson, At-Large
Jermaine McNair, Mayoral	Shawan Sutton; District 1
Aaron Lucier; District 5	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

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CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assistant City Attorney, Bill Little; Sgt. Dale Mills, Platoon C; Sylvia Horne, Administration Services Support Specialist; Devinder Culver, Focused Deterrence Unit; Interim Chief of Police Ted Sauls.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

None

OTHERS:

None

NEW BUSINESS – “Orientation/By Laws”– Chairperson Diane Kulik

Chairperson Diane Kulik passed out information/flyers to the committee members on how to encourage citizens to come out the PCRC meeting. She wanted the committee members to be creative with their topic and on how to get the word throughout their district. She reviewed the following items:

1. Advertising the PCRC meeting
2. Selecting a topic for the meeting
3. Enticing the citizens to attend the meeting
4. Being creative and engaging with the speaker by helping with questions to ask
5. Keeping the meeting within an hour
6. Have the speaker to speak for 20 – 30 minutes, but inform them before the meeting
7. Asking the citizens to hold all their questions until the speaker finishes speaking
8. Allow 15 minutes for questions from the citizens
9. Allow a citizen to ask “one question” so that others will have a chance to ask their question and if time permits then you can go back to them and allow them to ask another question

Chairperson Diane Kulik stated that if any committee member had any questions or concerns regarding orientation that she would be glad to assist them as needed.

Chairperson Diane Kulik introduced Interim Police Chief Ted Sauls to the committee.

Interim Police Chief Ted Sauls introduced himself and thanked the committee for coming out to the PCRC meeting. He stated that for the next 5 to 6 months he would be our Police Chief. He stated that the search is underway for a new Chief; there is a brief contract from the City Council to proceed in hiring a police chief. The city is using the

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). He stated that Chief Aden would help conduct the process as the city will search to hire for the new chief, but in the mean time he wanted the PCRC committee members to know that he is here for them. He stated that he was very familiar with the committee and has worked with the committee but he wants to see it come back strong. He informed the committee that if they had a topic/area or interest they wanted to discuss police related, he would be willing to share with the committee anything the police department does. So that committee members can go back into the community and share the information with others.

Interim Police Chief Ted Sauls then discussed a power point presentation called “2014 Crime Statistics.”

Interim Police Chief Ted Sauls showed a slide of the City of Greenville map. The city is broken down into 3 Zones: East, West and South. They are color coded so that the Command Staff can keep up with the location of an officer. The officers are assigned to the zones with the intent of providing services to that zone only. The middle block on the map is called the Center City district. Interim Police Chief Ted Sauls informed the committee that they could go online (www.greenvillenc.gov) to review the map and find out who their Zone Commander is depending on where they live, because that is the Zone Commander they would need to get to know.

City of Greenville Map



2014 Synopsis

Interim Police Chief Ted Sauls explained that “Violent Part 1” crimes are crimes like rape, robbery, shootings, and serious assaults. These are crimes the police officers concern themselves with because they are the type of crime that hurt people.

Interim Police Chief Ted Sauls explained that “Property Crimes” are crimes against property (break-in’s, theft).

Interim Police Chief Ted Sauls stated another accomplishment that the police department made this year was in crashes. The un-reportable crashes went through a policy change as to how a police officer wrote up a crash report; basically the officer would write up the information and exchange it between the two drivers so that the insurance companies could make the connection through both drivers.

Sgt. Dale Mills also explained in lengthy details the process of traffic accident and punitive damage and citations.

Chart self explanatory:

Category	2013	2014	Percent Change
Violent Part 1 Crimes	554	478	- 13.7%
Property Part 1 Crimes	3862	3683	- 4.6%
Total Part 1 Crimes*	4416	4161	- 5.77%
Reportable Crashes	3500	3857	10.0%
Non-Reportable Crashes	1702	666	- 61.0%
Crashes	5202	4523	- 13.0%

Interim Police Chief Ted Sauls spoke on one specific topic from this chart and that was larceny. He stated that larceny was up 7.8%. He stated that “Larceny” includes any theft within the City. (home, car, etc.) Interim Police Chief Ted Sauls stated that the police department is working with stores like Wal-mart on arresting 1st time offenders. He stated that it’s kind of like a prayer for judgment type thing. Once the offender is caught stealing for the 1st time, they are talked to and given information and shown the consequences of theft. If the offender is caught the second time then they are taken to jail for their crime. This method is used to keep the crime percentage down.

2014 Crime Statistics

Crime Type	2013	2014	Percent Change
Homicide	7	4	- 42.9%
Rape	20	14	- 30.0%
Robbery	175	144	- 17.7%
Aggravated Assault	352	316	- 10.2%
<i>Violent Subtotal</i>	<i>554</i>	<i>478</i>	<i>- 13.7%</i>
Auto Theft	132	115	- 12.9%

Larceny	2573	2773	7.8%
Burglary	1157	795	- 31.3%
<i>Property Subtotal</i>	3862	3683	- 4.6%
Total Part 1 Crimes	4416	4161	- 5.77%

Interim Police Chief Ted Sauls reported to the committee that the “homicide” rate is the lowest in 20 years. He also focused on the topic Lowered Community Tolerance for Homicide. He stated that the police department is getting better cooperation from the citizens because they are getting tired of violence; they are also sharing more information which leads to putting the offenders and gang members behind bars.

2014 Violent Crime

- ❑ **Lowest homicide rate in 20 years.**
- ❑ **13.7% decrease in violent crime due to:**
 - ❑ **Focused Deterrence**
 - ❑ **Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) Implemented**
 - ❑ **Crime Reduction Initiative Areas (CRIA) established**
 - ❑ **Zone Policing Strategy**
 - ❑ **Increased community engagement**
 - ❑ **Lowered community tolerance for homicide**
 - ❑ **Investigation strategies have changed**

2014 Property Crime

Interim Police Chief Ted Sauls didn’t go over much on this particular slide since he had covered much of the same information earlier in his presentation.

- ❑ **Despite 7.8% increase in larceny, property crimes decreased overall 4.6%.**
 - ❑ **There are more retail establishments in the city reporting shoplifting incidents.**

2014 Crash Data

Interim Police Chief Ted Sauls stated this is the first time in history of the department since the police department has been keeping records of these statistics. He stated that the traffic safety unit is more innovative now than it's ever been.

0 vehicle crashes with fatalities.

0 vehicle crashes with pedestrian fatalities

Interim Chief of Police Ted Sauls left the committee members with a "thought." He stated that the police department is not always going to report numbers like that. This year the police department was able to and the department should celebrate, but next year if the numbers are up, he didn't want the citizens to feel like the police weren't doing their job. He stated that the police department men and women work hard and he is proud to be a part of this great team. He told the committee members they are the police department eyes and ears; if the members are not out in the community help spreading the truth and bringing concerns back to the meeting so that the police department can deal with them. The police department will not be successful.

Interim Chief of Police Ted Sauls thanked the committee for coming out to the meeting and informed them if they had any questions or concerns they could contact him by calling to the department.

Chairperson Diane Kulik asked Assistant Attorney Bill Little to help her with the by-law change. Assistant Attorney Bill Little stated basically last month there was a discussion about changing the meeting from 6:30 on the second Wednesday to 6:30 on the second Tuesday with the intent of trying to increase participation because of Wednesday night being a conflict with church night. Many of the citizens have not been able to engage in activity because of that. So the committee members looked into moving the meetings. There was an initial motion that was made; a 1st reading of the motion was made and was passed and under the procedure there was a second motion and reading of the proposed change and if the vote is passed it will be effective tonight (January 14, 2015). So the next meeting which will be in February, if it's approved it would be moved to the second Tuesday.

Assistant Attorney Bill Little passed out and read the proposed change; which reads as follows:

The PCRC shall meet on the second Tuesday of every month. The meeting time shall be 6:30 pm. The committee will not meet during the months of July and August. The December meeting shall be used to elect officers for the coming year and to plan the schedule of meetings. At the request of three (3) members or the chairperson, the chairperson may call a special meeting of the committee to conduct a specific item or specifically named items of special and immediate interest to the community and the police department.

Approved by majority vote this the 14th day of January, 2015.

Chairperson Diane Kulik asked for a motion to have the PCRC meetings moved to the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Richard Crisp
Second: Mr. Lennard Naipaul

The proposed changes that were presented by Assistant Attorney Bill Little to have the PCRC meetings moved to the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. was unanimously approved by the committee.

Public Expression and Questions

Chairperson Diane Kulik asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Mr. Jermaine McNair
Second: Ms. Belinda Perkinson

The next planning meeting is on February 10, 2015. Meeting place is to be announced.

ADJOURN – 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Greenville Police Department
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