

Public Safety Advisory Commission – Columbus, GA
Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/16/2021
Location: Milton Lockett Community Room – Public Safety Bldg
Start time: 4:00 PM
Adjournment time: 5:00 PM
Next meeting: January 20, 2022
Meeting Recorder: Annalisa Shelling

Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Rohwedder, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donald Watkins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pete Temesgen, Vice-Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Swiney |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Byron Hickey | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Branchcomb |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belvin Millner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alexander King |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scott Taft | |

Others Present/Visitors:

N/A

Minutes

The December 2021 Meeting started at 4:00 PM. Mr. David Rohwedder welcomed everyone to the meeting.

SWOT Analysis / PSAC Survey – The SWOT Analysis that CPD conducted was discussed again. It was stated that the results of this analysis could be what officials feel the PSAC or the public wants others to hear. Mr. Donald Watkins stated that he has actually spoken to officers that stated the following: CPD morale is low, officers do not feel supported, and harsh disciplinary actions.

Mr. David Rohwedder stated that he would contact Mayor Henderson and Chief Blackmon to discuss the possibility of a study being conducted by CSU. The importance of making the Chief and Mayor aware of this study was discussed.

Mr. Watkins stated that he feels that the results need to be transparent. Mr. Stanley Swiney suggested that the survey be completed, and then decide who the results are published to. Mr. Watkins stated there was no sense in doing the survey if it will not be published to the public.

Mr. Watkins stated that he felt each City Councilor should be contacted to see if they saw the SWOT Analysis. Mr. Swiney stated that the SWOT Analysis was an internal report, and the information could be accessed through Open Records.

PSAC Meetings at City Council Chambers – Mr. Rohwedder would like to see about the option of having PSAC Meetings at Columbus City Council Chambers. This would give the opportunity to invite the public to speak and express concerns, etc.

Action Items

- Mr. Rohwedder and Mr. Swiney will work on the information for the PSAC Survey. Mr. Swiney will contact CSU.
 - Mr. Rohwedder will check on CCG City Council Chambers / CCGTV for future meetings.
 - Mr. Rohwedder will check to see if Pastor Adrian Chester will be the guest speaker for the January 2022 meeting.
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Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Next Meeting will be held January 20, 2022, at 4:00 PM.
