

**Public Safety Advisory Commission – Columbus, GA**  
Monthly Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 3/18/2021  
**Location:** Virtual Meeting  
**Start time:** 4:00 PM  
**Adjournment time:** 5:00 PM  
**Next meeting:** April 15, 2021  
**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Belvin Millner         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alexander King  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Taft             |   |

**Others Present/Visitors:**

N/A

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**Minutes**

Mr. David Rohwedder welcomed everyone and opened the March 2021 Meeting at 4:00 PM. The February 2021 minutes were approved. 1<sup>st</sup> Motion – Donald Watkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion – Alexander King.

**Cure Violence –** the commission briefly discussed this community based violence prevention program that addresses violence as a public health epidemic. More information about Cure Violence can be found on Facebook at @CVColGa

**Firearm Buy Back Program -** this program was mentioned, but it was explained that most of the time that the firearms that are actually turned in are not the ones that would actually be used to commit crimes. Generally, the firearms that are turned in are rusted, and non-working. This is not a viable way to get guns removed off the streets.

**Public Safety Advisory Commission -** David mentioned that he and other members of the PSAC would like to start having more regular conversations with Mayor Henderson, Chief Blackmon, and Sheriff Countryman. It was mentioned

again about starting to have PSAC Meetings in person again. David is still working on this, and the concern of social distancing is still being considered.

**PSAC Social Media Page** - Alexander is still working on the social media page for the Public Safety Advisory Commission. If you have not sent him your bio and photograph, please do so. We are hoping to have the new Facebook page live within the next few weeks.

**Misc. Notes** - Stanley Swiney is still waiting to hear from GACP. David is waiting to hear from Senator Randy Robertson.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

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