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**POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
Thursday, September 19, 2024
4:00 PM

The Purpose of the Grand Rapids Police Community Advisory Board (The Board) shall be to establish and enhance communication between Grand Rapids residents, Police Department and City Council. Together, the Advisory Board and Police Department will identify and focus on public safety issues and collaborate with community leaders, community organizations and stakeholders in developing solutions to multi-faceted community concerns. The Board provides recommendations to the Chief of Police and City Council as to how issues should be addressed.

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof, the Police Community Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024 at 4:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers at 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids.

First Chair Connolly called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Board Member Dan Butterfield
Board Chair Stephen Connolly
Board Member Tom Neustrom
Board Member Cassey Casteel

ABSENT

Board Member Wendy Uzelac
Board Member Nikki Roberts
Board Member Jessica Malmquist

STAFF

Chief Andy Morgan

PUBLIC INPUT (if anyone wishes to address the Board): This is your opportunity to approach the Police Community Advisory Board and publicly comment and/or share a concern about your specific issue. We ask that you approach the podium and provide your name and address for the record. A timer will be set for 5 minutes of comment. We ask that members of the public not applaud, engage in conversation, or engage in other behavior through words or action that may disrupt the following

proceedings of the board. This is not a dialog, debate, or back and forth with the board but if there is something that needs to be followed up on after the meeting, we and/or City staff will do so and report back to the Police Community Advisory Board if necessary.

Stephanie Lipsy - Grand Rapids

Spoke on behalf of a mother who had come to her with a concern about her child's behavior.

Stephanie shared concerns about the behaviors and how the situation was dealt with by the police.

Board members discussed issue.

Chief Morgan noted that this could be added to the agenda and he would address the topic in general, but would not be able to address this specific case.

Tom Sutherland, 2222 SW 3rd Ave, Grand Rapids, MN

Judith Lilja, 2729 Audrey Ln., Grand Rapids, MN

Spoke about situation and behavior of her child.

Questions were asked about police involvement and child's current condition and more discussion was had.

Tammy Hill, 32167 Gunn Park Dr. Grand Rapids, MN

Spoke about her concerns and what she has witnessed in regard to this child's behavior.

Discussion had.

Chief Morgan will meet with parents to discuss situation privately.

Matthew ?, 401 4th St. Crosby, MN

Spoke about his nephew and his concerns he has about his behaviors and the safety of the family.

SETTING THE AGENDA:

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

APPROVE MINUTES:

1. Approve the Amended Minutes of May 16, 2024

Motion made by Board Member Butterfield, Seconded by Board Member Neustrom to approve the amended minutes of May 16, 2024. Voting Yea: Board Member Butterfield, Board Chair Connolly, Board Member Neustrom, Board Member Casteel

2. Approval of the Minutes of July 18, 2024

Motion made by Board Member Casteel, Seconded by Board Member Butterfield to approve the minutes of July 18, 2024. Voting Yea: Board Member Butterfield, Board Chair Connolly, Board Member Neustrom, Board Member Casteel

BUSINESS:

3. Traffic Complaint - Increased traffic on the Airport Road and by the L&M Project.

Board discussed safety issue due to semi trucks not being able to take sharp turn and amount of heavy traffic in the area near the south end of Airport Road and the new L&M project.

It was mentioned that some of this area is not in the city limits.

Chief Morgan spoke on the TZD and increase in patrol happening within the city.

4. PCAB Vacancies, including Board Secretary

Discussion about the open vacancies was had. The city clerk has the application open. Discussion was had about dropping the number of board members down to 7. There was discussion about the board secretary vacancy. Board member Casteel is interested and would like to know more about what the position does. It was decided that this will be an item on the agenda for the next meeting.

5. GRPD Staffing Levels

Chief Morgan talked about our current staff levels and the interviews that took place recently.

6. End of Summer Recap (Tall Timber Days, Fair, National Night Out, Safety Camp, River Fest)

Chief Andy gave an overview of all the summer events. They all went well and were uneventful from a police standpoint. It was asked if there were complaints during the fair. Other than parking and the usual raceway complaints, there weren't any. It was mentioned how the Police Reserves are relied upon and help out during these events. There are 9 Reserves and we we can have up to 15.

7. PepperBall

Chief Morgan talked about different levels of force, what we use now, and how pepperball works.

8. Political Signs Update

Chief Morgan gave an overview of where signs can and cannot be within the city limits and talked about the calls we've had.

Political Signs – Damaged/Stolen

This year – 6 incidents, all taking place in August and September. Some were documentation only. No one had cameras and there were no suspects.

Search in Zuercher – “GRPD, political sign, all dates” to show current data.+

UPDATES:

9. SRO Update

Chief Morgan explained there is only one SRO and it's been a busy year so far. A board member asked about the events that have happened this year so far, would the school district reconsider?

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

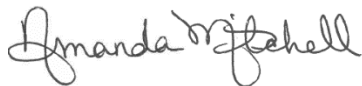
None

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amanda Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE

The Board shall meet at minimum, four times each year as determined by the chair. A regular meeting may be cancelled by the chair or a majority of the Board. Every Board member shall be required to attend at least 75% of all meetings each calendar year. Board members who are unable to meet the attendance requirements may be removed by a majority vote of the Board. Prior to a vote considering the potential removal of a member, the member shall be afforded an opportunity to explain his or her reason for non-attendance.

BOARD MEMBERS AND TERM EXPIRATION

Dan Butterfield	12/31/2026	Wendy Uzelac	12/31/2025
Stephen Connolly	12/31/2026	Cassey Casteel	12/31/2024
Pam Dowell	12/31/2026	Kerry Clausen	12/31/2025
Tom Neustrom	12/31/2025	Nicolette Roberts	12/31/2024
Jessica Malmquist	12/31/2024		