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**POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, September 21, 2023**  
**4:00 PM**

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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.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Pursuant to due notice and call thereof, the Police Community Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023 at 4:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers at 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids.

Second Chair Connolly called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT**

Board Member Dan Butterfield, Board Member Pam Dowell, Board Member Stephen Connolly, Board Member Jillian Buck, Board Member Kerry Clausen, and Board Member Nikki Roberts

**ABSENT**

Board Member Tom Neustrom, Board Chair Wendy Uzelac, and Board Member Cassey Casteel

Staff: Chief Andy Morgan, Captain Kevin Ott, and Captain Jeremy Nelson

**PUBLIC INPUT (if anyone wishes to address the Board):**

No one from the public was present.

**SETTING THE AGENDA:**

Nothing added.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

## APPROVE MINUTES:

Approval of the Minutes for July 20, 2023.

Motion made by Board Member Butterfield, Seconded by Board Member Dowell.

Voting Yea: Board Member Connolly, Board Member Buck, Board Member Clausen, Board Member Roberts

1. Approval of the Minutes of July 20, 2023.

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## BUSINESS:

2. Cannabis in Our Community

Chief Morgan gave an overview of information on the GRPD webpage about the new laws pertaining to Cannabis and how that will look in Grand Rapids. Discussion and questions were ongoing about minors in possession, paraphernalia, dispensaries in GR, and how officers detect signs of impaired drivers under different influences.

3. GRPD New Hire - Sam Hussman

Captain Ott gave a brief introduction of who Sam Hussman is and his previous experiences in our community and surrounding communities.

Captain Ott mentioned there is a new Hospital Security position opening up.

4. School Resource Officers - Changes in Legislation

Chief Morgan gave an overview of the recent changes in laws impacting schools and School Resource Officers and how it has affected our local schools and officers. GRPD SRO's attended a New Laws Class. There were meetings involving GRPD, attorneys, and ISD 318. They are continuing to work together and keep our students and community safe while adjusting to the new law. Chief Morgan passed out a 2022 Minnesota Student Survey.

Discussion and questions were had about how this has affected other schools in Minnesota, the safety felt by students, and about how the law was written.

## UPDATES:

5. Summer Event Updates

Chief Morgan gave updates:

National Night Out was cancelled due to weather and rescheduling for the Community BBQ.

Riverfest was sold out, 3500 tickets were sold. Only four calls during the festival and all were minor.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Captain Ott will be at Stepping Stones Preschool at the E Free Church, at 9 am and 2:45 pm, PCAB members are welcome to join.

It was mentioned that Kerry hasn't gone on a ride-along yet.

Upcoming LE Trainings: Firearm, DARE, EVOC, FTO, Leadership Academy, DMT/Crime Reporting

Question asked: How is Murphy doing?

-He had his first tracking, he helped locate the suspect

-Suggested that Murphy comes to next meeting (maybe wait until another meeting)

Next meeting - tour the jail

#### SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting will be Thursday, November 16 at 4:00 p.m.

#### ADJOURN:

Motion made by Board Member Dowell, Seconded by Board Member Buck.

Voting Yea: Board Member Butterfield, Board Member Dowell, Board Member Connolly, Board Member Buck, Board Member Clausen, Board Member Roberts

Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amanda Mitchell, Recorder