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**POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
Thursday, March 20, 2025
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, March 20, 2025 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 4:02PM.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Board Member Dan Butterfield
Board Chair Stephen Connolly
Board Member Cassey Casteel
Board Member Jessica Malmquist
Board Member Megan MacDonell

ABSENT

Board Member Tom Neustrom
Board Member Wendy Uzelac
Board Member Nikki Roberts

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.

None

SETTING THE AGENDA:

Agenda approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

APPROVE MINUTES:

1. Consider approving minutes from the January 16, 2025 regular meeting.

Motion made to accept the January 16, 2025. Motion made by Board Member Casteel, Seconded By Board Member Butterfield, All were in favor. Minutes accepted.

1. Consider approving minutes from the January 16, 2025 regular meeting.

BUSINESS:

2. Grand Rapids Police Department will be detailing Pepper Ball technology

Pepper Ball Technology was presented by Instructors Officer Sean Smallen and Officer Jeff Roerick. Education, Illustration, and Discussion. Followed by Demonstration in the parking lot of the effectiveness of the Non Lethal option.

3. Received questions about AI cameras being installed in MN that detect if you are on your phone and if there are plans for them coming to GR.

Discussion regarding AI Camera's and what they are used for in Law Enforcement.

UPDATES:

Introduction of New Officer Kiara Rantala

4. New Officer Kiara Rantala

Officer Kiara Rantala was not present at the meeting due to scheduling conflict. New PCAB Board Member Megan MacDonell introduced herself to the Board. She was welcomed by all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

Police Community Advisory Board next meeting will be May 15, 2025 at 4:00pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made to adjourn: Motion made by Board Member Butterfield, Seconded by Board Member MacDonell.

Adjourned: 5:15 PM

ATTEST:

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 - 12/31/2027

Tom Neustrom - 12/31/2025

Nicolette Roberts - 12/31/2027

Jessica Malmquist - 12/31/2027

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Jackie Heinrich, PCAB recorder