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**POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, May 16, 2024**  
**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, May 16, 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 4:01 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT**

Board Member Dan Butterfield  
Board Member Pam Dowell  
Board Member Stephen Connolly  
Board Member Tom Neustrom  
Board Chair Wendy Uzelac  
Board Member Kerry Clausen  
Board Member Cassey Casteel  
Board Member Nikki Roberts  
Board Member Jessica Malmquist

**STAFF**

Chief Andy Morgan  
Captain Kevin Ott  
Captain Jeremy Nelson  
Officer Jeff Madsen

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

Dana Butler, 504 NE 4th Avenue, Grand Rapids

Spoke of her concerns about the upcoming Pride Festival happening at the end of June. Recognizing there is a conflict in the community and has safety concerns. Stated that the intent of this festival is to be joyful, build family and create safety. There is a concern of protestors as children will be present.

Daisy Butler, 504 NE 4th Avenue, Grand Rapids

Spoke about the importance of the Pride Festival and what it means to her.

Janet Miller, 416 NW 13th Street, Grand Rapids

Spoke about the Itasca Pride Board, the importance of safety and encouraging community integration. Janet expressed her appreciation of working with the GRPD.

Questions and Answers and discussion time between Public and Board.

SETTING THE AGENDA:

CORRESPONDENCE:

APPROVE MINUTES:

1. Approval of the Minutes of March 21, 2024.

Motion made by Board Member Dowell to accept Minutes of March 21, 2024. Seconded by Board Member Clausen Voting Yea: Board Member Butterfield, Board Member Dowell, Board Member Connolly, Board Member Neustrom, Board Chair Uzelac, Board Member Clausen, Board Member Casteel, Board Member Roberts, Board Member Malmquist

BUSINESS:

2. Introduction of Officer Jeff Madsen

Officer Madsen introduced himself, giving the board an overview of who he is and background information on his previous experience and careers.

3. Summer Intern

Chief Morgan explained the Community Service Officer will be out for the summer and council has approved a summer intern position that will help fill the CSO's responsibilities and also help with front desk duties. There is one applicant being considered for this position.

4. Meds 1/North Memorial

Chief Morgan gave an overview of the transition of Meds1 to North Memorial.

5. Commendation Bars

Chief Morgan explained what GRPD is currently doing to recognize officers. There was discussion with the Board on the importance of officers being recognized and also what can be done for civilians also being recognized.

UPDATES:

6. Jail Update

Chief Morgan gave an update on the jail. Right now there is a focus on licensing. Discussion on when they will begin taking inmates.

7. SRO Update

Chief Morgan gave an update on the School Resource Officer position with the school district. Officer Scott will be at the high school but will also be covering the other schools. There are discussions being had with the school district on how this will look. Board Members discussion and questions around current officer numbers, new hires, upcoming budget renewals and this year's increase in ICR's (Investigative Criminal Reports) compared to last year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Discussion about upcoming festival, police presence and safety concerns.

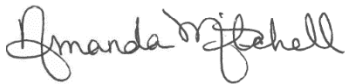
Concerns about north/south stop sign over by Wal-Mart and construction site. Captain Ott will increase patrol and collaborate with county and city zoning.

ADJOURN:

Motion made by Board Member Dowell to adjourn meeting, seconded by Board Member Casteel. Voting Yea: Board Member Butterfield, Board Member Dowell, Board Member Connolly, Board Member Neustrom, Board Chair Uzelac, Board Member Clausen, Board Member Casteel, Board Member Roberts, Board Member Malmquist

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:



Amanda Mitchell, Administrative Assistant