



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: Consider vacating three seats on the Police Community Advisory Board and support efforts to fill such vacancies

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BACKGROUND:

In 2016 the City of Grand Rapids established the Police Community Advisory Board (PCAB) with the purpose of establishing and enhancing communication between Grand Rapids residents, the Police Department and City Council. The goal of the collaboration is to identify and focus on public safety issues and then partner with community leaders, community organizations and stakeholders in developing solutions to multi-faceted community concerns.

Bylaws were established and continue to guide the board. Article VI addresses Board attendance and further details that all members shall be required to attend at least 75% of all meeting. Board members who are unable to meet the attendance requirements may be removed by a majority vote of the Board. Maintaining active members ensures that the group can establish quorums and remain effective in their work.

Board Members Megan Phillips, John Nalan and Liz Branum have failed to satisfy the attendance requirement. All continue to receive basic Board communications / notices. None of the three have reciprocated communication efforts.

During a Police Community Advisory Board meeting on April 21, 2022, all attending members agreed to move forward with removing those above mentioned members from the Board.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to vacate the three seats on the Police Community Advisory Board and support efforts to fill such vacancies.