

City of Gainesville

*City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601*



Minutes - Final

March 23, 2022

6:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room 16

Police Advisory Council

*Brittani Melvin
Keyon Young
Duncan Purves
Shelia Payne
Evelyn Foxx
Fareed Johnson
Milford Griner
Robert Cohen
Jeanna Mastrodicasa
Kali Blount*

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CALL TO ORDER

meeting called to order 6:05 pm by Co Chair Jeanna Mastrodicasa

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adopted

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Adopted

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

Certificate of Appreciation to Outgoing Chair-Fareed Johnson (NB)

Fareed Johnson was not present so will be postponed to next scheduled meeting

Chief's Update (B)

RECOMMENDATION

For the Advisory Council to hear Chief Scott speak about events and ask questions relating to the topic.

Kali Blount- saw recent Public Service Announcements regarding lock vehicles.

Chief Scott: discussed further about conveyance burglaries and youth stealing guns from unlocked vehicles

Shelia Payne: Trespass after warned-this will probably be discussed during the closed IA session, resisting arrest without violence looking for numbers on how these charges on added to other charges; marijuana felony; sworn complaints sent to State Attorney Office; Gainesville Pre Arrest Program what does that mean?

Chief Scott- these are the top 10 charges for these numbers; arrests for cannabis has reduced significantly; if you are selling, then you will be arrested. Gainesville Pre Arrest is something that is referred to the State Attorney's office for the program to where there is no arrest record and this is diversion program without an arrest record

Duncan Purves- resisting arrest without violence will this be added into all these numbers

Chief Scott: will have to check into this and will bring back to the council
Duncan Purves- look over a comparison over the past 10 years regarding arrests and sworn complaints

chief Scott: will pull up this information for the council. Take into factors economic issues, staffing at the time

Bob Cohen- how is staffing at this time?

Chief Scott: staffing we are holding. We have current applicants with

certifications and re instituted the Chief Panel which includes himself, Assistant Chief, and Chief Inspector to speak with the potential candidate before going to background.

Police Advisory Council Annual Report (B)

RECOMMENDATION

For Police Advisory Council members to provide feedback on the questions the City Commission office is requesting for the formulating of the Annual Report.

Jeanna Mastrodicasa has been backlogged and will send a copy of the drafted report for the council to review and discuss at the next scheduled meeting

Topics of Discussion to add to future agendas (B)

RECOMMENDATION

For Council members to recommend which topics they would like to discuss for the next scheduled meeting and meeting location.

Chair Duncan Purves requested everyone review the list of topics to see what they would like added to upcoming agendas.

Shelia Payne: had quite a few items she requested be added to the agenda but has not seen. She will double check her emails and update for next meeting

Bob Cohen: how to get the Police Advisory Council meetings better publicity. Discussed meeting at The Slab and issues were brought up. This location is not bad. Neighborhoods don't really come to see meetings. Tagging Town Hall meetings or going to meet at Crime Watch meetings.

Gainesville Police Department School Resource Officer Program (B)

RECOMMENDATION

For the Council members to hear the presentation and ask questions as needed about the program.

Discussed

Closed Internal Affairs Case Review (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The Police Advisory Council to hear about the internal affair case and provide any feedback about the findings of the case as needed.

Discussed

PUBLIC COMMENT

Danielle Chavez (Community organizer/Activists)

Internal Affairs report about Curtis Wims case this man was arrested 4 miles from the jail. thinks that his wallet was gone but his keys were on the car. that is just a little wierd

Numbers on the presentation about pre arrest numbers. Discussed diversion by race and crimes by race. make sure we are impacting the community that is affected by this.

Duncan Purves: agrees about disparities

Eveyln Foxx- spoke about this about a few months ago about this program and

all this is referred to the State Attorney's office

Chief Scott: do not have the power to make decisions. Referred to State Attorney's Office and they make the decision if the person can participate in the program. Again we have a person who views these and makes recommendations to the State Attorney office for this program.

Danielle: more than one occasion where GPD Officer admitted to violating GPD Policy while on the stand and this needs to be addressed.

Shelia: can we further discuss Pre Arrest

NEXT MEETING DATE

ADJOURNMENT

meeting adjourned at 8 pm