

Police Community Advisory Board (PCAB)

Meeting Minutes from August 4, 2022

4:00pm- Grand Rapids Fire Hall

Members Present: Steve Connoly, Pam Dowell, Dan Butterfield and Richard Pederson

1. Opening remarks: Steve Connoly and the board gave their condolences to the Dowell family for the passing of Pam's mother, Jackie Dowell.
2. Introduction of new member: Richard Pederson was present and introduced as a newly appointed board member. Dana Butler is also a newly appointed member, but was unable to attend this meeting. Pederson explained that he is happy to be a board member and wants to reach out to impoverished communities and get their input on local policing. Dowell stated, "Richard [Pederson] will put his boots to the ground."
3. Setting the agenda: Andy Morgan encouraged members to respond to Steve Connoly for agenda items for upcoming meetings. Dowell thought that a text reminder would be nice for agenda items closer to the meeting date.
4. Approve minutes: Dowell made a motion to amend the meeting minutes from the April 21, 2022 meeting. Dowell specifically requested that #10 from the meeting minutes of the aforementioned meeting be amended to state, "Discussion member Pam Dowell asking are there two Officers on administrative leave at this time." Dowell requesting that the word "why" be deleted from the minutes. After a short discussion, Dan Butterfield made a motion to have the minutes amended. The amendment to the minutes passed unanimously. Minutes approved as amended.
5. Business: Andy Morgan spoke about the Grand Rapids Police Department Wellness Program. Morgan advised that Steve Breitbarth had the credentials to be a good candidate for the program. Morgan advised that each member of the Police Department was required to meet with Mr. Breitbarth for one hour, and additional sessions were available to Officers should they feel that additional sessions are warranted. Morgan explained there is no tracking of which member of the department has chosen to do additional sessions with Mr. Breitbarth. Dowell explained that she believed that there should be a public service announcement (PSA) for this program.
6. Updates: Andy Morgan spoke of the implementation of the Body Worn Cameras (BWC). He informed the board about the activation features of the BWC. Kevin Ott informed the board about how the public can upload evidence into evidence.com for the convenience of the public and Officers.

Bryce Prudhomme is the newest Officer on GRPD and will be completing field training on 8/7/2022.

- 7. COPS Grant: Andy Morgan informed the board that the department did not qualify for the COPS grant this year, and the department is planning to move forward with a 20th Officer in 2023.
- 8. Announcements: Andy Morgan spoke about the upcoming Safety Camp in which there will be multiple agencies involved to give an educational experience to children between the ages of 8 and 14.

National Night Out will not be held this year, but will be held in August of 2023.

River Road construction will be approximately a 30 day project.

5th St. NE will be reconstructed late next year.

Meeting adjourned at 5:01pm

Meeting minutes submitted by Kevin Ott