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**POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
Thursday, November 16, 2023
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, November 16, 2023 at 4:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers at 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids.

Second Chair Connolly called meeting to order at 4:05.

SETTING THE AGENDA:

Nothing added.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Board Member Dan Butterfield, Board Member Pam Dowell, Board Member Stephen Connolly, Board Member Tom Neustrom, Board Member Nikki Roberts

ABSENT

Board Chair Wendy Uzelac, Board Member Jillian Buck, Board Member Kerry Clausen
Board Member Cassey Casteel

Staff Present: Captain Ott and Captain Nelson

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

No one from the public was present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

APPROVE MINUTES:

1. Approval of the Minutes of September 21, 2023.

Motion made by Board Member Dowell, Seconded by Board Member Butterfield.
Voting Yea: Board Member Butterfield, Board Member Dowell, Board Member Connolly,
Board Member Neustrom, Board Member Roberts

BUSINESS:

2. Jillian Buck Resignation / Open Application

Captain Ott explained the reason for the resignation of Board Member Buck.

3. Upcoming Expiring Board Member Terms:

Stephen Connolly	12/31/2023
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Dan Butterfield	12/31/2023
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Pam Dowell	12/31/2023
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Board members discussed 'reupping', acknowledging their intent to continue as PCAB members.

4. Meth Dealer/VCET Press Release

Captain Ott talked about the drug investigation.

5. Tactical RC 4 Sight Robot

In the last couple weeks, we purchased and received a Tactical RC 4 Sight robot. We feel that this tool has the potential of improving officer safety in a wide variety of police calls. Our AXON BWCs simply attach to the front of the robot allowing operator the ability to real-time (slight delay) view what the BWC records through *AXON Respond* cell phone application. Simply "Pair" the BWC to your City issued cell phone and secure the phone on the r/c remote control.

Captain Ott explained the background of the robot, showed a video and demonstrated how it works.

Board Members talked of innovative technology that would benefit the police department.

UPDATES:

There are no updates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There are no announcements.

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting will be Thursday, January 18th at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURN:

Following PCAB meeting, members will proceed to the Itasca County Jail for a tour.

Motion made by Board Member Connolly, Seconded by Board Member Dowell.

Voting Yea: Board Member Butterfield, Board Member Dowell, Board Member Connolly, Board Member Neustrom, Board Member Roberts

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amanda Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

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

Jillian Buck	12/31/2024	Dan Butterfield	12/31/2023
Stephen Connolly	12/31/2023	Cassey Casteel	12/31/2024
Pam Dowell	12/31/2023	Kerry Clausen	12/31/2025
Tom Nuestrom	12/31/2025	Nicolette Roberts	12/31/2024
Wendy Uzelac	12/31/2025		