

POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

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REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING - DRAFT

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POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD: Gwendolyn Evans, Dan Maguire, Vince Cuciti and Jody Kamon (Advisor).

Absent: Christina Hagestad

STAFF: Alyssa March, Community Liaison, Essex Police Department

ADMINISTRATION: Ron Hoague (EPD Chief)

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Gwendolyn Evans called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

a. Alyssa will be taking the minutes moving forward.

b. Gwendolyn shared a situation that happened to her friend, her service animal and another dog. Her friend did call the police and would like follow up from Essex PD. Chief agreed to look into the incident and have PD follow up with the friend.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Agenda was approved.

4. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

There were no comments from the public.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

a. The Board approved the Minutes for the September meeting.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. The Chief gave an update about what has been going on in the community with the PD. There has been a bank robbery where the suspect has been caught. There have also been 29 car break-ins and 6 stolen vehicles. The Chief encourages people to lock their doors. The board has requested the PD get the word out to the community by sharing tips on social media, the PCAB blog and Front Porch Forum.

b. The Chief reported City Counsel is conducting interviews and hopeful to fill the last two spots.

c. No one was able to attend the Selectbaord meeting but the Chief shared that they have an interview on 12/9.

d. The board asked about having Neighborhood Watch and asked what has happened with it now that Anthony Jackson-Miller has left. The Chief reported that Alyssa will look into Neighborhood Watch and start getting he community engaged again.

e. Public Safety Survey Task List: The board looked over the potential questions and agreed for everyone to narrow down their top 15-20 picks. Vince reported that Chief, Alyssa and himself met with Ms. White from St. Albans to learn how they were able to conduct their survey. Vince has not heard back from EHS yet but Vince and Alyssa will work together when finishing the draft survey. The board discussed how to reach people with disabilities and provide them with a survey. Gwendolyn suggested Facebook, Senior Centers, Front Porch Forum and to have the survey on Survey Monkey.

f. Essex participated in Drug Take Back and was the highest in the county.

7. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Gwendolyn. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board. The meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa March
Community Affairs Liaison