

POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

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REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING - DRAFT

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POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD: Christina Hagestad, Jenny Parker, Gwendolyn Evans, Dan Maguire

ABSENT:

STAFF: Alyssa March- Community Liaison, Essex Police Department and Ron Hoague (EPD Chief)

ADMINISTRATION:

OTHERS PRESENT: Vince Cuciti, Erika D

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Christina Hagestad called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved.

4. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Erika D shared two incidents she had with Essex Police Department in the past year that were negative. Erika, the Board as well as EPD Chief discussed next steps for Erika, PCAB and EPD.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

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

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. The Board made motions for the new Chair and Vice Chair. Gwendolyn Evans is the new Chair and Christina Hagestad is the new Vice Chair.

b. Alyssa gave updates about the PCAB survey. Alyssa will make flyers to be put out in public spaces and will be going to the schools with EPD's District Liaison Officer to share the survey to the students and staff.

c. The Chief shared the data he recently shared with the City. Crime is trending downwards in the last year but larceny with car break ins. The Chief encouraged the community to continue to lock their car doors. The Chief shared the new Crime Reduction Team and the goal to support businesses with theft.

The Chief shared that Rick Garey retired from EPD after 36 years which will open a Lieutenant position. Gwendolyn and Vince shared that they would like to be apart of the interview process when the time comes.

The Chief asked the Board if they received the Handbook from Tammy and they all agreed. Chief asked the Board to provide any feedback to Alyssa so she can share it with Tammy.

7. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Gwendolyn. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board. The meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa March
Community Affairs Liaison