

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY JANUARY 13TH, 2015 AT 4:15 P.M.**

**Board Members Present:**

Ed Johnson, Gene Barner, Jeff Campbell & Terry Lacey

**Board Members Not Present:**

Nora Daniel, Lucas Yonkman & Robert Young

**Department Staff Present:**

Acting Chief Teri Gardner & Meg Massey

The meeting was called to order by Chair Johnson at 4:15 p.m. in the Police Department Training Room.

**AGENDA TOPICS**

**OCTOBER 2014 MINUTES:**

Ms. Massey distributed the minutes from the October 14th meeting. No further discussion. Mr. Barner moved to approve the October minutes as presented, Mr. Campbell seconded. The October minutes were unanimously approved.

**PERTINENT UPDATES / CAB QUESTIONS:**

Acting Chief Gardner gave the following report:

➤ **Chief Green:**

Chief Green safely arrived at the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA. We are in touch with him weekly via Skype and by phone as needed.

➤ **New Hire:**

Philip Sellers started on January 5th as Records and Evidence Supervisor, he replaces Barbara Sampson who retired after 30 years last September. Mr. Sellers is retired military, has all the qualifications we were looking for and a lot of parallel experience. He and his family live in town and he is active in the community.

➤ **Field Training Officers (FTO):**

Officer Nathan Padrta has completed his FTO training effective 12-23-14. Officer Claire Schricker is in her final two weeks, and Officer James Argyro is also in his final weeks of the FTO, but has been placed on hold while he recovers from an automobile accident.

➤ **Vacant Positions:**

The vacant Detective position will be filled by Officer Lisa Powers-Rang effective January 19th. Three officers applied for the appointment and were interviewed by Captain Gardner and Detective Sergeant Bailey. Chief Green then made the appointment based on their recommendation. Det. Powers-Rang fills the vacancy left by Det. Ron Hofkamp's retirement last January. Det. Powers-Rang will have instructional training as well as hands-on training and has already attended some training for Child Forensic Interviews which she will continue with.

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The Drug Enforcement Officer (Detective) and the Traffic Safety Officer positions are still vacant since both officers were promoted to Sergeant. The Community Service Officer is still working patrol. Once all Officers have completed the FTO program we hope to be able to have all vacancies filled.

➤ **Little House:**

The "Little House" in the department parking lot is used for storage as well as child forensic interviews. We have been working very hard in recent months to create a more comfortable atmosphere for the children and families, as they are there resulting from some form of trauma. Many local groups and businesses have stepped up including: Diamond Rentals, Home Depot, a Church Youth Group, a 1st Class Navy Squad and our Citizen Volunteers. We are still in need of more paint and a small area of carpeting (approximately 14' x 14'). Later this year we will look to have all the carpets cleaned, paint the outside and look into replacing the roof. There was discussion about additional resources. Mr. Lacey said he would help with the carpet and Chair Johnson said he would help with the paint needed to complete the interior. It was decided the Committee will tour the little house at the next meeting.

There was discussion about various ongoing cases.

Chair Johnson stated how well Captain Gardner has settled in to her new position as Captain, and now stepping up as Acting Chief while Chief is attending the Academy.

**MERCHANTS MEETING:**

Ms. Massey distributed notes from the merchant meeting attended by some CAB members on November 24th that Ms. Daniel had prepared. Chair Johnson stated he, Nora Daniel, Terry Lacey, Chief Green and Ms. Massey attended the meeting. We were all introduced and both the Chief and he spoke briefly. Items discussed included the CAB Committee's purpose and meetings, downtown parking, skateboarding on downtown sidewalks, Christmas Tree lighting permit, homeless people living in stairwells and Chief attending the FBI Academy. Mr. Campbell asked about the merchant attendance. Chair Johnson stated it was a good turnout, the meeting was held at the Lotus Tea Bar and it was full. Mr. Barner asked if many of the merchants were aware of this committee? Chair Johnson stated only a few, not many. The next Chamber meeting's program is the merchants association. Mr. Barner offered to attend as a representative of the CAB Committee. Chair Johnson asked if we could obtain a list of the members we could send periodic emails to the association and keep the lines of communication open. Ms. Massey said she would work on obtaining the member list.

**STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2015:**

Chair Johnson led a discussion to develop a strategic plan for the New Year. The Committee would like to utilize both TV Chanel 10 and the department Facebook page to get information about the Committee and what we are working on, out to the public on a more regular basis. Also, the Committee was asked to decide if they would like to continue using Survey Monkey and possibly developing a monthly question to post on Channel 10 and Facebook. Chair Johnson asked all members to come to the next meeting with specific ideas.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Lacey asked what the status of the parking issue the elderly / handicapped are dealing with as a result of the new streetscape? Chair Johnson stated he would like more feedback from departments when we pass on comments from the public. Acting Chief Gardner said she would find out what she could, and see if we could arrange to have someone from the planning department come to the next meeting.

**ADJOURN:**

Mr. Lacey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Barner seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next CAB meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10th at 4:15 p.m. in the OHPD Training Room.

Prepared by Meg Massey