

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9TH, 2016 AT 4:15 P.M.**

Board Members Present:

Marty Malloy, Jeff Campbell, Nora Daniel, Susan Gerard & Bob Olson

Board Members Not Present:

Gene Barner, Sydney Prevost & Chase Powell

Department Staff Present:

Chief Ed Green & Leslie Morgan

Others in Attendance:

One community member attended.

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

AGENDA TOPICS

MEET AN EMPLOYEE:

➤ **Leslie Morgan:**

The committee met Records & Evidence Supervisor Leslie Morgan.

COMMITTEE UPDATES :

➤ **Nora Daniel**

Chair Malloy stated that Nora Daniel has agreed to be reappointed to another term and it has been brought to the Mayor's office for consideration and approval.

➤ **Lucas Yonkman**

Chair Malloy stated that Lucas Yonkman has submitted his letter of resignation effective February 8th to the Mayor's office. Mr. Yonkman expressed his sadness in having to resign due to the growing success of his business and the need to be out of town on a regular basis, and wished the committee continued success.

JANUARY 2016 MINUTES:

The minutes from the January 19th meeting were distributed. Mr. Olson moved to approve the January minutes as presented, Mr. Campbell seconded. The January minutes were unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL / DEPARTMENT UPDATES :

Chief Green gave the following report:

➤ **Officer Vacancies**

Chief Green stated that they had completed the final interviews to fill the two remaining positions. Six candidates were interviewed, and five were very qualified. Two candidates asked to remain on the list but not be offered the current positions as they are still currently active military and unavailable at this time. Two of the remaining candidates have been

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selected to move forward in the process. If they accept the offer, and pass the screening process, it will still be approximately 18 months before they would be on their own as they are both entry level candidates.

Mr. Campbell asked if the department had been given a return date for the Officer currently on active military leave. Chief Green stated his return date is unknown at this time. If he is able to return by September he will be able to go through an FTO process and return to full duty. If his leave extends beyond that, his state certification will have lapsed and he would have to attend the academy to be re commissioned.

ANNUAL REPORT 2015:

Chief Green stated that Ms. Massey had asked that if you had not had an opportunity to submit a summary of all the events / activities that you have participated in throughout the year as a CAB member to please do so.

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ **Upcoming Events**

Chief Green wanted to keep the CAB members informed of all the upcoming events throughout the year, as each one is an opportunity to reach out to the community:

- Holland Happenings ~ April 28th – May 1st
- Whidbey Island Marathon ~ Saturday April 16th
- 4th of July Parade & Fireworks
- National Night Out ~ Tuesday August 2nd
- Possible Open House ~ To be determined
- Always be open to attend community meetings, service clubs, etc.

➤ **Child ID Station**

Chief Green stated that CAB member Susan Gerard has taken the lead on utilizing the Child ID station we purchased the end of last year. Ms. Gerard spoke about this current system and how improved it is from the one we used at events last year and thus cuts down on the time needed to process each child. Chief stated that Ms. Gerard has also suggested we utilize the system with seniors / Alzheimer's patients as the unit is completely mobile and we can easily take it to local facilities / housing units. There was discussion about keeping a database at the police department and what information would / would not be retained on each individual.

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

Mr. Olson spoke about feedback he had received from a local business owner and the vandalism that is occurring at his car wash locations. He asked if additional patrols could be requested and Chief Green stated yes that he would make patrol aware.

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Mr. Campbell asked if the increase in the homeless count has impacted law enforcement. Chief Green stated the most visible impact has been more with panhandling and situations like those at the Freund Marsh property which the CAB has brought up at recent meetings, but no significant increase in criminal activity has been documented. Mr. Campbell noted that he noticed additional garbage / discarded clothing at the Freund Marsh sight just the other day. Chief Green stated that public works has been asked to keep up with property.

There was additional discussion on grocery carts being utilized by the homeless and taken off the related stores property. Chief Green stated most stores had no interest in prosecuting those thefts and the department has no way to transport the property back to the stores they are removed from.

Ms. Daniel mentioned the Old Country Inn property south of Coupeville, and that Ryan's House was trying to purchase the property for homeless youth on the island.

Chair Malloy stated he had reached out the Whidbey News Times on more than one occasion and has not gotten any response. Chief Green has a contact he will reach out to and see if we can get any interest.

Chair Malloy asked that all CAB members be vigilant is asking people they come in contact with to letting them know specifically what positive and / or negative comments they have concerning the police department and it's interaction with the community. To reiterate what the Officers the committee have been meeting with "If it doesn't look right, call it in".

There was discussion on speeding tickets and local speed limits. Chief Green stated that speeding infractions and the penalties are set by the legislature and in general terms designated by a threshold of 40 mph and local streets vs. highways. Specifically, Goldie Road has a speed limit of 35 mph and Midway Boulevard has a speed limit of 30 mph. All City streets are 25 mph unless posted.

ADJOURN:

Ms. Daniel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Campbell seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next CAB meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8th at 4:15 p.m. in the OHPD Training Room.

Prepared by Meg Massey