Susan Watkins, Chair, HCPD CAC, presiding, brought the meeting to order at 7:05p.

Welcome
- The Chair welcomed the members, applicants, and guest speakers.

Roll Call
- The Chair asked the Secretary to take the roll; a quorum was noted.

Member Roll Call:

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- Applicants in Attendance: Jacquelyn Hopkins (2), Monique Jenkins (1), and David Sames (1).
- Guest Speaker(s): Capt. Darin Chambers and Sgt. James Laffin; Drones Unit
- Other Guests in Attendance: None.

February Minutes and Chief’s Report
The Chair asked the members if they received the minutes from the February meeting and this month’s Chief’s Report. She asked if anyone had any questions on either.

- Member McGuire asked if there had been an increase in incidents against Asian American Pacific Islanders (AAPI) in Howard County? Lt. Sprinkle said that there has not been any substantial increase.

**Chief’s Remarks**

- Lt. Sprinkle gave the Chief’s report.
- The County’s decision on SROs is still pending.
- The Chief thanked Member Bolen for testifying at the Racial Equity Task Force.
- On April 12, the HCPD will re-organize and stand up a fourth command. On March 17, the Chair forwarded an email from the Chief that explained the Department’s new organization structure.
- The Chief expects Body-Worn Camera (BWC) legislation to pass in the Maryland General Assembly (MGA). There are two different versions. One version expects all Maryland law enforcement jurisdictions to implement BWC by 2023 and the other by 2025. The HCPD has been preparing for the use of BWCs and will be ready to implement the program on either date.
- The Chair asked if the officers welcomed the use of BWCs. Lt. Sprinkle said that they did.
- Member Edwards asked if the HCPD will be investing a police officer-related shooting in Montgomery County per the reciprocal agreement between Howard and Montgomery counties. Lt. Sprinkle thought that it would.
- Member Happel asked if the pending SRO decision was at the state or local level. Lt. Sprinkle said that there was legislation pending in both places.
- Lt. Sprinkle announced the retirement of two officers at the end of March.

**Presentation: Drones Program**

- The Chair noted the four projects that the Chief asked the CAC to stand up: Professional Standards, Drones, Crime Analysis, and Share Day.
- The Chair announced that Member Pidliskey would be leading the Drone project.
- The Chair introduced Capt. Darin Chambers and Sgt. James Laffin and invited them to present on the HCPD’s drone program.
- The HCPD stood up a committee in April 2019 to study the use of drones in Howard County. The CAC participated on the committee. The committee delivered a report to Chief Myers on October 2019 with the recommendation to perform a one-year field test. The field test started on February 1, 2020, and concluded on January 30, 2021.
- Captain Chambers and Sargent Laffin presented examples of how the drones were used during the test program.
• Project Lead Pidliskey asked how the CAC could help the Department. Capt. Chambers said the CAC could help spread awareness of the Drone program and find out what concerns/issues the community might have about the program.
• Members asked about the types of calls the drones would be used on, if some of the missions could be classified as “situational awareness,” if the drones will be used for surveillance or only for specific missions, and if public demonstrations will be held. Capt. Chambers said that drones will not be used for general surveillance. They will only be used to respond to calls that would require a drone. He expects to hold public demonstrations.
• The Chair thanked Capt. Chambers and Sgt. Laffin for presenting on the HCPD’s drone program.

Update on Police Standards Project
• Project Lead Bolen thanked Members Buehler, Edwards, Harrity, Rivers, Saydjari, and Xu for participating on the committee.
• The committee held its first meeting on February 24 to discuss its mission, goals, deliverables, success metrics, meeting schedule, etc.
• The committee plans to meet with Capt. Lampe/PSB and Lt. Porter/QAD on March 22 to discuss HCPD’s expectations of the committee and CAC’s engagement in the Department’s professional standards monitoring.
• The Project Lead thanked Members Aaronson and Harrity for providing testimony for the Racial Equity Task Force.

Proposed New Committees
• The Chair discussed standing up a Community Messaging Committee (CMC) and an Awards and Recognition Committee (ARC). The CMC could help communicate CAC activities with the community. The Chair will talk to HCPD about standing up the ARC.

Adjournment
• The Chair asked if anyone had any other questions or business to discuss. Hearing none, she adjourned the meeting.

Chair Watkins closed the meeting at 8:53p.

The Howard County Police Department, Citizens’ Advisory Council stands in adjournment until April 21, 2021 at 7:00p.

Minutes taken by Steven Bolen, Secretary.

Susan Watkins          David Zeleznick          Eileen Harrity          Andrew Hall
Chair (Presiding)      Vice Chair               EB Member-at-Large      Immediate Past Chair