



**Howard County Police Department (HCPD)
Citizens' Advisory Council (CAC)
Monthly Member Meeting**

**Minutes
February 15, 2023**

Opened: 7:00pm
 Closed: 8:30pm
 Location: Virtual and at ORACLE building

Eileen Harrity, Chair, HCPD CAC, Presiding Officer, brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Welcome and Call to Order

The Presiding Officer welcomed the members and HCPD personnel.

Roll Call

Member Roll Call:
 February 15, 2023

	CAC Member		CAC Member		CAC Member
	Larry Aaronson (E)	✓	Eileen Harrity		Lewis Saunders
✓	Steve Bolen	✓	Linda Lee Hickerson	✓	Raghid Shourbaji
☐✓	William Brockett	✓	Brent Jones	✓	Ed Sprinkle
✓	Denise Brockington	✓	Jeff Kulik		Camela Williams
✓	Larry Buehler	✓	Morris Levine	✓	Nollie Wood
✓	Sandy Cederbaum	✓	Keith McGuire		
✓	Eric Clark	✓	Adia Moore		
✓	Lesley Flaim	✓	Pete R. Newman		
	Brittany Geger	✓	Chandrakant Patel		
✓	Kia Green	✓	Steve Pidliskey		
✓	Andrew Hall		Tim Pierce		
✓	Jim Happel	✓	Jerry Wykoff		

(E) Denotes Emeritus Status

	Applicants	

- HCPD in Attendance: Wayne Jones, Alex Rosensweet



- Special Guest(s)/Presentation(s): Captain Todd Leppert
- Other Guests in Attendance: None

Welcome and Call to Order

- All were welcomed and the meeting called to order
- The presentation was scheduled first to accommodate Captain Leppert, and will be followed by the business meeting

Presentation – Car Rallies by Captain Todd Leppert

- An excellent presentation was provided in power point with some videos regarding Car Rallies in Howard County, and what the HCPD have been investigating and acting on to reduce them and keep our citizens safe
- Captain Leppert advised all that he shared very sensitive and confidential data about car rallies.
- ***The sources the HCPD use, and methods on tracking and the tactical operations regarding managing the car rallies is sensitive and not to be repeated.***
- ***Captain Leppert noted that the HCPD had better success at shutting these car rallies down than most other jurisdictions. They are very disruptive and dangerous for the attendees and citizens nearby. The groups block intersections and take over parking lots. Racing on highways to and from these events is also seen.***

Approval of the Minutes

- The Presiding Officer assured all CAC members received the minutes.
- The Presiding Officer opened the floor for discussion on the December 14, 2022 and the January 18, 2023 minutes.
- No corrections were made and a motion was made and seconded to approve and passed unanimously for both minutes.

Other Announcements

- Outreach activities were sent ahead of the meeting. Thanks to Jerry Wykoff, Steve Bolen who attended BBQ and Badges at Mission BBQ with me on February 10. Also, thanks to Jeff Kulik, Larry Buehler, Steve Bolen and I who attended Coffee with a Cop on January 23 at the Chick Fil A in Columbia.
- Anyone else who attends an outreach activity should please send a note to me/Keith McGuire as we will keep track for the requirement of 2/year per bylaws.
- The Quarterly Leadership Meeting between the Chief and his leadership staff was January 25. We had a great discussion about the planning for the Community Engagement initiative which was discussed in detail later in the meeting. The chief is looking forward to recommendations from the VMP initiative when completed. Also, once the Chief has set goals/strategic plan that has been presented to HCPD staff, he will present to the CAC. We can then use that to align our future goals.
- Thanks to Jim Happel for presenting to the #47 Academy class on Wednesday, February 8, and Larry Buehler for also attending with us.
- CAC Graduation for Academy Class #47 is Wednesday Feb 22 at 6 pm at the Training Center.



- As to Andrew's suggestion at last meeting, will work with Roberta for kid friendly giveaway when time to order more.

Chief's Report

- Changes in positions/Leadership of HCPD - Wayne Jones-Director of Professional Standards, Alex Rosensweet-Strategic Planner Administrator
- New Chief of Staff – Gary McElhenny
- HCPD response to emergencies such as mass shootings, training occurs but sensitive in nature so details not shared
- HCPD Community Recruiter Program – Volunteers so far-Kia Green and Brent Jones
- Feedback from CAC community members was requested. Eileen Harrity provided info after sharing her position on the CAC with people that she comes into contact with in other volunteer activities as well as when seeking an Assisted Living for her father. While doing that an Assisted Living owner shared that she had feedback and a plea for the Chief and the HCPD to help with. When an elderly person, not in hospice, passes while in an assisted living facility there is a requirement that the police are called. They then are required to stay until someone pronounces the individual deceased. This is not a problem during the day typically, but in off hours/overnight, there is a delay in someone attending to the deceased on site, and the police must then stay. This can cause distress and upset to the other residents and staff of the assisted living as well as the family of the deceased. The citizen's plea was could this be looked at and some out of the box solution be arrived at so this causes the least disruption to the assisted living community members and staff as well as family members of the deceased. Some minor discussion occurred, but this will be written up for consideration by the Chief and his leadership team and so that a response can be made to the concerned citizen.
- Members were encouraged to share their position in any groups or their communities as able, where feedback from community members can be gathered, and brought to this meeting.

Announcement re Secretarial position

- The chair announced that Tim Pierce will be stepping down as Secretary as of March 1.
- Tim was thanked for all the work that he did to help fill a needed gap.
- It is hoped that someone else now will step up to the plate to fill this position. Nominations will be accepted with the goal to vote in March. Look for Steve's email.

Volenick Award

- Steve Pidliskey spoke to the origin of the Volenick award and the legacy that William G. Volenick left within the CAC and the community
- Steve gave the details of the requirements for being eligible for nomination and consideration – 5 years with the CAC, significant contributions to the CAC (over and above the requirements) and in the community
- Look for Steve's email to make nominations
- There is a form for the Executive Board to rate candidates and come up with the 2023 awardee
- The announcement will occur in March and the awardee will be recognized at the 2023 HCPD Awards Ceremony (date TBD).



Old Business

Volunteer Mounted Patrol – VMP Committee Report

- Thanks was extended to the committee members: Brittany Geger, Lesley Flaim, and Nollie Wood Jr for being a part of this committee, which has met four times in the past several months, twice with HCPD representative, once with the lead VMP, and most recently with the Maryland State Park Police who oversee both Officer and Volunteer Mounted Patrol teams.
- Brittany Geger was thanked for assisting in the meeting with Megan Lau.
- Eileen Harrity shared some of the valuable information from Megan Lau who provides training of horse/rider teams and had some great ideas and information to help guide us.
- The next step is to gather the VMP committee together to review all of the gathered information and make recommendations to be reviewed at the next meeting, and provided to the Chief.

Community Engagement

- Jim Happel, Member at Large, gave an overview of the initiative. It was noted by Jim that this committee would be organizational in nature and that continuing outreach was going to involve everyone on the CAC going forward.
- Jim Happel and Steve Bolen will co-chair this committee.
- In prior meetings two CAC members who expressed an interest in being part of this committee, Camela Williams and Raghid Shourbaji. At this meeting Sandy Cederbaum volunteered and has key Village Board experience, and Morris Levine also volunteered, and has involvement with the Interfaith Center with several denominations in Columbia.
- Jim will be reaching out to set a first meeting of the committee.

Additional comments by the committee

- The Chair invited members to contribute anything of importance with no comments.
- Once the business was concluded a motion was made to adjourn and accepted.

The Howard County Police Department, Citizens' Advisory Council stands in adjournment until
March 15, 2023 at 7:00pm

Minutes taken by Eileen Harrity, Chair.

Eileen Harrity
Chair (*Presiding Officer*)

Keith McGuire
Vice-Chair

Jim Happel
Board Member-at-Large

Tim Pierce
Secretary