

POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Notes

May 25, 2016

12:00 PM

Police Department Conference Room

Present

Mayor Donald Sydnor, Chief Daniel Dvorak, Major Mark Lewis, City Liaison Robert Hanson, Andrew Allen, Mike Edgar, Spuddy Cephias, Michael Wheatley, Cesar Gonzalez, and Lisa Jones.

Chief's Discussion

Community Office on Greenwood Avenue: The new Community Office has opened at 608 Greenwood Avenue, Apt. 102. PFC John Foster will be permanently stationed there and will handle any issues that may arise in the area. Dale Price is working on getting cameras on Greenwood Avenue. Bay Country Apartment do have cameras that are accessible to the police department for now.

Neighborhood Beat Officer Program: Every officer has been assigned to 1 district for continuity. This will allow the officers and citizens of that district to become familiar with the one another and build a trusting alliance. The officer will be able to determine where attention is needed and alert other agencies to needs outside of law enforcement such as the Mobile Crisis Unit for mental health issues, Dry Dock for addictions, and Social Services for Domestic Violence. The goal is to break the cycle of violence.

Neighborhood Watch: Chief Dvorak has obtained a packet from the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission with information on starting a neighborhood watch program. The Police Board Members will be in charge of contacting the neighborhood watch captain for their ward in order to bring the information to the table during police board meetings.

Citizens Police Academy in July: The Citizens' Police Academy will begin in July and last through August. There were 11 graduates last summer. This is a perfect opportunity for block captains of the neighborhood watch to join the academy and ride along to learn exactly what information is needed when reporting something to the police.

The next general meeting will be at 12 noon on July 27, 2016.