

Police Board Minutes

05/25/2022

Attending: Chief Lewis, Capt. Nichols, Com. L. Cephas, Com. S. Cephas, L. Foster, C. Nelson,
C. Gonzalez, L. Wongus, City Manager Tom Carroll and Haydee Cook

Meeting called to order by Chief Lewis

Chief Lewis reviewed the CPD monthly report and stats, including highlights

Questions raised about the following:

- Juvenile offenses and crimes
- ShotSpotter Technology
- Can CPD Officers improve relations with the Community by working together to solve problems before they become crimes
- Metal Detectors for all schools
- Officers working from substations
- Lighting on South Pine
- Curfew
- Community Policing Expert Consultant

Inquiries made about more community events

Chief Lewis discussed the manpower shortage

Chief Lewis also discussed Full time position for a Civilian Employee under the Explorer Program

Chief Lewis also discussed Weapons Protection for all schools. Dave Bromwell is asking for \$400,000

Chief Lewis also discussed IT issues with the mobile computers that has been fixed

Chief Lewis also discussed DP&L will not allow cameras on their poles and it takes 10 weeks to get the lights working on Wood Street

Chief Lewis also discussed the Curfew for teenagers

City Manager Tom Carroll

- There will be close to 5 Million for the City for Affordable housing, Infrastructure, Economic development, etc. if the Commissioner approve it
- Community Policing is the #1 Priority, officers are expected to improve relations with the community to reduce crime
- The essence of Community Partnership with residents by working with people and families to solve problems before they become crimes

C. Nelson concerns

- Drug activity at a residence Potomoke Way
- Will the 911 Center be handling the Shotspotter alerts when it is in service
- Have community meetings every other month
- Contact City Attorney regarding Curfews and privacy laws

L. Foster concerns

- Community has asked to bring back "Bridging the Gap" back
- Have funding for game nights for the children in the community and have officers involved
- Coming out of COVID there is more Mental Health Issues and more weapons in certain locations
- Have a retire Officer as a reserve unit to work with the community to ease their minds by working together to protect and build relationships
- Have Officers left for less pay

L. Wongus concerns

- Use Douglas park to bring Community together
- Park on South Pine needs to be opened
- Officers engagement with the community, the community wants to be heard and listened too

L. Cephas concerns

- Pawn shop on RT 50 sells ammo and weapons, Locals are purchasing their ammo and weapons there

C. Gonzalez concerns

- Having a Civilian employee for the Explorer Program is the biggest Development we've had in years. We need to get the word out to the community and let them know what the Future Plans are during a public Forum

S. Cephas concerns

- Have community meeting every other month and have Police Board members attend
- Update Hiring Brochure to make it more appealing and up to par with other agencies
- Shootings are getting too close to home
- Increase police presence and patrols in the area of 922-928 Pine St. abandoned house
- Have officers go to satellite locations when working on reports