



MEETING MINUTES

Chief's Advisory Committee (In Person) Thursday, November 16, 2023

Committee Members Present: W. Dwayne Maynard (Chair), Kimberly Hollie (Vice Chair), Emmet Apolinario, Gaurav Goel, Zhen Xing, Alex O'Ryan; Chief Justin Páez, Deputy Chief Greg Lattanzi, Deputy Chief Nick Tabernik, Officer Amber McCloskey
Minutes by: Becky Metcalf

Welcome to Committee by Chief Páez

Chief Páez welcomed the committee to the meeting. Quorum in attendance. Chief Páez deferred to Chair Maynard for opening remarks.

Chair Maynard welcomed and thanked all for attending commenting that much has happened in our world since last meeting. He sent greetings to Rebecca and Susan, stating that the committee looks forward to their availability in the near future. Best of luck and goodbye to Ajmeri Hoque as she announced her resignation from the Chief's Advisory Committee. She has been a great community partner and contributor to the great success of the CAC and her presence will be missed. Chair Maynard then shared his thoughts thinking globally, being aware nationally and being focused locally.

Chief Páez added his gratitude as well to Ajmeri Hoque for her leadership and partnership along the way and applauds her for taking the initiative and ensuring this committee is a partnership. He thanked Ajmeri for her time and wished her the best.

Committee Business

Chair Maynard deferred to Chief Páez to call roll and thanked all for coming out to the meeting for this important undertaking.

- **Attendance**

Chief Justin Páez called roll for the meeting:

Chair Dwayne Maynard – present

Vice Chair Kimberly Hollie – present

Mr. Emmet Apolinario – present

Mr. Gaurav Goel – present

Ms. Zhen Xing – present

Mr. Alex O'Ryan – present

Ms. Rama Billakenty – not present

Ms. Ajmeri Hoque – not present

Ms. Susan Ortega – not present

Ms. Yanling Yin – not present

Review/Amend/Adopt Last Meeting's Minutes

Chair Maynard asked if all had an opportunity to review minutes from the October 19, 2023 meeting. All had an opportunity to review the minutes. Chair Maynard asked if there were any additions, corrections or amendments. There were two minor amendments. With those minor amendments, Chair Maynard asked for a motion to adopt the minutes from the October 19, 2023 meeting. Alex O'Ryan motioned to adopt the minutes and Vice Chair Hollie seconded the motion.

Chief Páez polled the members for their vote to approve the minutes for the October 19, 2023 meeting: Chair Maynard, Yes; Vice Chair Kimberly Hollie, Yes; Emmet Apolinario, Yes; Gaurav Goel, Yes; Zhen Xing, Yes; Alex O'Ryan, Yes.

The minutes for October 19, 2023 were adopted and approved as amended.

Old Business

Chief Páez advised there was no old business and there was no public commentary.

New Business

DC Tabernik shared a new program designed to assist the department in identifying community members with disabilities ensuring that they receive the care they need and are returned home safely. Persons can navigate to a form that allows them the opportunity to register persons with physical or cognitive disabilities and is voluntary. The individual, a parent or guardian, a family member, or a caretaker of a person with a physical or cognitive disability can only fill out the form.

Vice Chair Hollie shared that there is a new term in lieu of disabled, it is "differently abled".

Zhen Xing suggests that this could be useful for language barriers as well.

DC Tabernik asked the community members to get some feedback on the questions related to gender and race.

Alex O'Ryan asked if there are any similar programs in the state. DC Tabernik shared that there is one program called Project LifeSaver

Vice Chair Hollie suggested that some may shy away from utilizing the tool if you use the word "registry".

DC Tabernik shared that there is also a translation piece. Alex O'Ryan asked if it translates back; DC Tabernik will look into the translation piece more and get back to the group. Alex O'Ryan shared that he is very supportive of the intent but how do we make it most appealing to the community; he will do some research as well.

Gaurav Goel asked about the data and public records. DC Tabernik shared that piece is currently with the City's legal department for review, but there are some exemptions with regard to public records. Additionally, he shared some of the potential names for the program.

Dublin Cares and/or Get Home Safe were suggested by Gaurav Goel and Vice Chair Hollie.

Gaurav Goel suggests reaching out for feedback from families the department has already reunited.

DC Tabernik shared that the next step would be to share the platform with our School Resource Officers and the schools.

Chief Páez reiterated that priority 4 from the framework speaks to community members with disabilities; and this type of program helps the department meet that bullet point.

Alex O'Ryan asked, once there is a submission would there be a screening process to ensure you are getting the information you are looking for. DC Tabernik advised that SGT Hysell would be that screening mechanism; Chief Páez shared that potentially those persons could be directed to the Public Safety Services Liaison to see if there were services that could be provided as well.

Chair Maynard asked if the department or fire department have a program where seniors can contact or share information on lockboxes, for instance getting them access into residences if needed in an emergency. Officer McCloskey shared that there are lock boxes for large complexes but nothing that comes through our system for a single residence.

DC Lattanzi shared that those are called KNOX boxes and are mostly accessible by fire departments.

Chief Páez shared information about the SMART 911 app; this allows you to share as much information as you want and if you would call that information is then accessible by the dispatcher. Chair Maynard shared that an app may not be the best alternative for elderly persons.

Zhen Xing asked about the timeline to roll out the program. DC Tabernik is awaiting feedback and additional research but is hoping to roll it out soon, possibly within a month or two. Zhen Xing thinks it is a wonderful program.

Chair Maynard asked if this is something, the department will bring back to the committee; DC Tabernik will bring back updates and asked that the committee members share the information with their communities and bring back to the committee as well.

Chief's Update

Chief Páez shared recent trends in activity. Criminal offenses and stolen vehicles are trending up; the city has experienced 103 stolen vehicles to date this year. There has been a spike in a particular area with particular car dealership. Our crime analyst did a great job putting together information to be distributed by officers to local dealerships regarding the trends and prevention. Chief Páez reminded the group that steering wheel locks are still available free to community members. Theft continues to be the number one reported offenses this year.

DC Tabernik advised that OVI arrests have increased and that third shift has specifically taken a lot of impaired drivers off the streets. Many thanks to Officers Boulware and Kinzel who have attributed to the majority of these arrests.

Vice Chair Hollie asked if the trends spike during the holidays. Chief Páez shared that reports of activity have been consistent over the year. Car dealerships have become more aware of these trends and have started contacting the department when something suspicious occurs.

Emmet Apolinario asked about an incident that occurred at Jerome High School. Chief Páez shared information with the group of the incident and response. It was determined that there was not a credible threat.

DC Tabernik shared several upcoming community programs and seasonal opportunities to engage with the community.

- Next Monday (11/27), the department is participating in a program called **"Feed the Kids"**, working with the schools to determine students that may need additional food assistance; he applauds the schools as they do this very discreetly; these children can take food home for the holidays.

- "Heroes and Helpers"**, the morning of Saturday December 2, Dublin is partnering with Powell Police Department and Target on Sawmill Parkway; officers from both departments shop with kids who are in need during the holiday season; they shop with a child to purchase something they need first and then something they want as well.

- Additionally on Saturday December 2 from 10AM-1PM, the department is partnering with Get Behind the Badge for the **"Fill a Cruiser"** event at the Dublin Justice Center 6565 Commerce Parkway.

- Officer Brown the SRO at Scioto High School recognized some children at the school were in need of food clothing etc...; he established a food pantry at the school; kudos to Officer Brown for starting this program.

DC Tabernik also shared an incident that occurred involving SRO Nicholson and a student from Sells Middle School; the student left the school and was experiencing a mental health crisis, a teacher recognized the student left and informed Officer Nicholson; Officer Nicholson followed the student to bridge over Scioto, the student was intent to jump into the river; Officer Nicholson was able to intervene, talk to student, and get that student the support they needed. A community member witnessed the entire interaction and later contacted police sharing that they themselves had been going through a mental health issue and by witnessing the situation encouraged them to seek assistance and get back on the right track.

Chair Maynard asked if there are plans for OT or areas they believe it is important to have additional patrol over the holiday season. Chief Páez shared that there are no additional crime trends beyond what we have already discussed and what the officers are currently focusing on throughout the city.

DC Tabernik shared that with the new reduced speed in Bridge Park, officers are currently actively engaged to get compliance of the new reduced speed limit; officers will commence a traffic enforcement campaign in the area in December. Information will go out prior to commencement of that campaign.

Alex O'Ryan asked who determines the speed limit in that area. Chief Páez shared that in that particular area, it has been zoned as a Business District, which gives the City of Dublin the

authority to reduce that speed limit, otherwise due to that being a state route we would have had to seek permission from the Ohio Department of Transportation.

December Meeting Discussion

Chief Páez shared that the committee is not obligated to have a meeting every month and if there is a concern about having a quorum and meeting in December he offered to the group to defer meeting. Chair Maynard decided at this time to keep the meeting on the schedule so members can give it some additional thought.

With the end of the discussion, Chair Maynard entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alex O'Ryan motioned to adjourn and Vice Chair Hollie seconded the motion. All responded in favor and the meeting officially adjourned without objection at 7:35 PM.

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