



City of Hyattsville
Police and Public Safety Citizens (PPSC) Advisory
Committee Meeting - Virtual
Minutes, Meeting of October 9th, 2024, 7:00PM - 8:00PM

I. Attendance

Position, Name	Ward	Present / Absent	Position, Name	Present / Absent
Chair, Julia Dezelski	1	✓	Chief of Police, Jarod Towers	✓
Vice Chair, Bob Kantor	2	✓	Deputy Chief of Police, Laura Lanham	✓
Secretary / Recorder, Mark Culberson	3	✗	Council Member Ward 2, Emily Strab	✓
Member, Taylor Wilder	2	✓		
Member, Jerome Brown	5	✗		
Member, Patricia Page	5	✓		
Member, Ana Chapa	5	✗		

Public Attendance

II. Agenda, and Minutes

- Motion made and passed to approve agenda (as drafted and pre-circulated)
- Motion made and passed to approve meeting minutes for 11 September 2024.

III. Public Comment - None at this meeting

IV. Agenda: General Discussion Topics

- Reviewed the decision to redirect Committee efforts to deeply researching one or two topics of interest to the Community, the City Council and the Police Department, in order to make actionable recommends and influence policy choices.
- The six possible topics on the agenda were briefly reviewed but not discussed in depth or voted upon, since several Committee members were absent and there were also two potential new Committee members who were in the process of joining. Further



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discussion and a vote on which one or two topics to address first will be addressed at the October meeting.

c. Updates from the Outreach and Policy Subcommittees

- **Outreach:** There has been no additional community feedback via the flyers that we have been distributing at various community events, or via the similar online form.

- **Policy:** The Policy subcommittee will be disbanded and replaced by the above efforts undertaken by the entire Committee.

Quick review of this Committee's Charter -

https://hyattsville-md.granicus.com/boards/board_answers/176374/attachment

- o Charter is to provide input in matters of public safety.
- o Recommendation to redirect our conversation to Committee Charter foundation.
- o We should pick our project topics in the November meeting.

d. Public Safety Community concerns: None addressed at this meeting

V. HVL Police Dept Updates

- a. Chief Towers provided an update on staffing successes and challenges.
- b. The Chief advised that he would need to have staff further research the question about gun recovery rates in the city of Hyattsville; overall statistics, any trends from guns recovered from minors, violent offenders, domestic violence, etc.

VI. Next Meeting: The next meeting was confirmed for November 13th at 7:00PM.

Meeting adjourned.



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Relevant excerpt “**City-of-Hyattsville-Handbook-for-Committees_FINAL**”:

COMMITTEE APPOINTED ROLES

Appointed roles in the Committee include the Chair and the Secretary. Committees may choose to have Co-Chairs or Vice Chairs at their discretion or at the direction of the Committee worksheet. The duties of these roles are described below.

- **Committee Chair:** The Chair is elected annually in January for a one (1) year term. The Chair provides leadership and direction to the Committee to facilitate the Body in pursuing its vision and mission. The Chair facilitates the meeting by calling the meeting to order and acts as the meeting Chairperson. The Chair develops the meeting agendas in partnership with Committee members and the staff liaison(s). The Chair also works with the staff liaison(s) to ensure meeting requirements are met for the posting of agendas and approval of minutes.
- **Secretary:** Elected annually in January for one (1) year term. Responsible for writing meeting minutes and submitting minutes for approval of the Body.

City page for Committees and Boards (as of 06.02.2024):

<https://www.hyattsville.org/878/Advisory-Committees-Boards-Commissions>

Committee-specific information on City website (as of 06.02.2024):

<https://hyattsville-md.granicus.com/boards/w/c116e25731a7ccb3/boards/11214>

Description

The City of Hyattsville Police and Public Safety Citizens’ Advisory Committee (PPSCAC) is established to promote civic participation and provide advisement and relevant feedback to the Mayor, City Council, and City Administration on issues related to community policing and public safety, including but not limited to policies and procedures, throughout the City.

Upcoming Meetings

- November 13th, 7:00PM - 8:00PM, virtual - Police & Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee Regular Meeting

Vacancies

- 3 Current Vacancies
- 0 Terms Expired

Size 7 Members



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Term Length 2 Years

Term Limit N/A

- **Staff Liaison(s)**
Chief Towers
 - **Council Liaison(s)**
Councilmember Strab Strab (Ward 2)
 - **Committee Worksheet**
[PPSAC Committee Worksheet adopted edits Feb 4 2019.pdf](#)
 - **2024 Meeting Calendar** [PPSCAC 2023 Calendar Adopted.pdf](#)
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Tab for Member Roster (as of 06.02.2024):

1. [Patricia Page](#)

2nd Term

Oct 03, 2022 to Oct 30, 2024

Appointing Authority

City Council

Position

Member

City Ward

Ward 5

2. [Jerome Brown](#)

2nd Term

Oct 03, 2022 to Oct 30, 2024

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3. [Taylor Wilder](#)

2nd Term

Apr 17, 2023 to Apr 30, 2025

Appointing Authority



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4. [Bob Kantor](#)

1st Term

Nov 20, 2023 to Nov 30, 2025

Appointing Authority

Council

Position

Co-Chair

City Ward

Ward 2

5. [Julia Dezelski](#)

1st Term

Nov 20, 2023 to Nov 30, 2025

Appointing Authority

Council

Position

Chair

City Ward

Ward 1

6. [Mark Culberson](#)

1st Term

May 07, 2024 to May 31, 2026

Appointing Authority

Council

Position

Recorder

City Ward

Ward 3

7. **Ana Chapa**

1st Term

May 07, 2024 to May 31, 2026

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Position

City Ward
Ward

Jun 12, 2024 07:00 PM

Jul 10, 2024 07:00 PM

~~Aug 6, 2024 07:00 PM~~: Summer Recess.

Sep 11, 2024 07:00 PM

Oct 9, 2024 07:00 PM

Nov 13, 2024 07:00 PM

Dec 11, 2024 07:00 PM