



City of Hyattsville
Police and Public Safety Citizens (PPSC) Advisory
Committee Meeting
Minutes, Meeting of June 12, 2024

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, Robert Riddle	2	✗	Council Member Ward 2, Emily Strab	✓
Member, Taylor Wilder	2	✓		
Member, Jerome Brown	3	✗		
Member, Patricia Page	5	✓		
Member, Mark Culberson	3	✓		

Public Attendance

Three persons attended with the intent to only observe. No public comments were requested or made

7:05 Chair Dezelski called to Order, quorum affirmed

II. Agenda, and Minutes

Motion made (Culberson moved, Wilder seconded) and passed (all verbal aye) to approve Agenda (as drafted and pre-circulated)

Motion made (Culberson moved, Wilder seconded) and passed (all verbal aye) to approve meeting minutes for 8 and 15 May, 2024

III. Public Comment

none

IV. Agenda: General Discussion Topics

a. Should this Committee take a summer break and skip meetings for either July or August?

Culberson and Wilder noted their availability for virtual attendance in July



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Chair Dezelski suggested consideration for an August recess
No formal decision made; decision to be further explored and confirmed

b. Recruitment Plans and Goals – Update on City Council community member outreach and introduction of new candidates

Culberson made a personal introduction
Chair Dezelski mentioned one new applicant was recently approved

c. Updates from the Outreach and Policy Subcommittees

Chair Dezelski asked Culberson if he was interested in either of the subcommittees.
Culberson confirmed his interest in Policy due to his career experience in government policy review.

d. Public Safety Community concerns: - Gateway West security incidents

For committee informational purposes, Culberson provided an overview of the atmospherics within the ongoing and neighboring GATEWAY WEST housing development off Belcrest Rd in Ward 3.

- Exponential increase in residents due to new construction
- Land was privately owned and wooded. Known transition and loitering space for Northwestern High School students and Dean Drive residents
- Incidents of violent and non-violent crime since June 2023
- Ongoing engagements with Stanley Martin (builder), PG County Public School, City of Hyattsville, Hyattsville PD, and State's Attorney
- Further housing expansion expected with increase in residents
- Chief Towers followed Culberson confirming the engagements and validating the reporting

V. Hyattsville Police Department (HPD) Updates

a. Update on Police Communications Project

Chief Towers expressed appreciation for the letter of support presented during the 15 May 2024 meeting, stating nine of ten votes were received at the meeting.
Chief Towers presented committee members with several pictures of the communications center to date.



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Meeting concluded after 7:55 p.m.



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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

- Jun 12, 2024 - 7:00pm - Police & Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee Regular Meeting

Vacancies

- 4 Current Vacancies
- 0 Terms Expired

Size 11 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

Appointing Authority

City Council

Position

Member

City Ward

Ward 3

3. [Robert Riddle](#)

1st Term

Feb 21, 2023 to Feb 28, 2025

Appointing Authority



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Council

Position

Recorder

City Ward

Ward 2

4. [Taylor Wilder](#)

2nd Term

Apr 17, 2023 to Apr 30, 2025

Appointing Authority

City Council

Position

Member

City Ward

Ward 2

5. [Bob Kantor](#)

1st Term

Nov 20, 2023 to Nov 30, 2025

Appointing Authority

Council

Position

Co-Chair

City Ward

Ward 2

6. [Julia Dezelski](#)

1st Term

Nov 20, 2023 to Nov 30, 2025

Appointing Authority

Council

Position

Chair

City Ward

Ward 1

7. [Mark Culberson](#)

1st Term

May 07, 2024 to May 31, 2026

Appointing Authority



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Council
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Ward 3

Jun 12, 2024 07:00 PM

Jul 10, 2024 07:00 PM

Aug 6, 2024 07:00 PM

Sep 11, 2024 07:00 PM

Oct 9, 2024 07:00 PM

Nov 13, 2024 07:00 PM

Dec 11, 2024 07:00 PM