



City of Hyattsville
Police and Public Safety Citizens (PPSC) Advisory
Committee Meeting - Virtual
Minutes, Meeting of June 11, 2025, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

I. Attendance

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

Public Attendance: No public attendees.

II. Agenda and Minutes

- A. Roll Call: 7 members in attendance- quorum was reached.
- B. Approval of Agenda: Ana motioned to approve agenda. Patricia seconded.
Unanimous approval of agenda
- C. Approval of March Minutes Meeting Minutes: Taurean motioned to approve.
Patricia seconded. Minutes unanimously approved.

III. Public Comment

- A. 1 public attendee- City Council member, Kelson Nisbett- introduced himself- he is on a listening tour of the various committees.

IV. General Discussion Topics

- a. **Feedback from PPSAC members on our draft of Core Values to guide the use of AI in local law enforcement by the HPD.**
 - i. Minor edit to define AI terms and tools.



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- ii. Framework is solid and reflects the committee's conversation.
- iii. Clarified that the document will be made public on the police department website per HPD policy. The eventual citywide AI policy will be made public.
- b. Opportunities to engage in planning to improve pedestrian and biking safety on the roads, following an accident where a car hit a child on a bike.**
 - i. Councilmember Strab held a town hall meeting on the issue.
 - ii. This meeting is not the forum to discuss these issues as it does not usually involve streets and infrastructure.
 - iii. There have been proposed changes to the intersection in front of Driskoll (intersection of 40th, Hamilton, and Gallatin streets). To date those changes have not been approved and other suggestions are being discussed.
 - iv. Councilmember Shaible has convened an adhoc group on occasion to discuss street planning.
 - v. An increase in child bicycle traffic was noted and more awareness is needed (for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.) Ana agreed to approach the Hyattsville communications team about a need for awareness campaigns regarding road safety.
- c. Updates and next actions on the two recent shooting incidents in Hyattsville.**
 - i. 2 incidents: June 1, June 6, still active investigations
 - 1. June 1- non contact incident- intersection of Oglethorpe and 40th- still under investigation
 - 2. City Councilmembers held a community meeting to discuss the incident later that week.
 - 3. June 6- contact shooting near West Hyattsville Metro Station. Individual was walking from Metro to apartments when approached by 2 males. Seems to have been an attempted robbery that led to shooting- still under investigation.
 - 4. HPD relies on community members to report any incidents.

V. HVL Police Dept Updates

- a. Busy season for HPD
- b. CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) assessment going on. Internal inspection and review of records.
- c. Internal promotional process was last week.
- d. June 16th is Special Olympics torch run on Route 1
- e. Ward 2 Community walk (June 17th @6PM) as follow up to community meeting.
- f. June 18th- Corporal King memorial ceremony on anniversary of his death.

VI. Next Meeting: July 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM.



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- a. Bob Kantor concluded the meeting. Jerome motioned to adjourn. Patricia seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8PM.
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