



Hyattsville

and Public Safety Citizens (PPSC) Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes, Meeting of January 14, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

I. Attendance

Position, Name	Ward	Present / Absent	Position, Name	Present / Absent
Chair, Taurean Barnwell	3	✓	Chief of Police, Jarod Towers	✓
Secretary / Recorder, Ana Chapa	1	✓	Deputy Chief of Police, Laura Lanham	✓
Member, Jerome Brown	5	✓	Council Member Ward 5, Kelson Nisbett	✓
Member, Michelle Brown	3	✓		
Member, Evan Myers	2	✓		
Member, Patricia Page	5	✓		
Member, Taylor Wilder	2	✓		

Public Attendance: 2 public attendees.

II. Agenda and Minutes

- A. Roll Call: 7 members in attendance- quorum was reached.
- B. Approval of Agenda: Unanimous approval of agenda.
- C. Approval of November Minutes: Minutes unanimously approved. A meeting was not held in December.

III. Public Comment

- A. No public attendees and no comments

IV. General Discussion Topics

a. Year end Review of Committee Work

- i. Taurean presented a slide deck highlighting the committees work during 2025
- ii. Highlights:
 - 1. Artificial Intelligence and Hyattsville Public Safety: The committee created and submitted to the city a set of Core Values to guide the use of AI by the Hyattsville Police Department.



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2. Pedestrian and Biking Safety: Discussed opportunities to engage in planning to improve pedestrian and biking safety.
3. Dealing with Hyattsville's Unhoused Residents. Had a speaker from the Hyattsville Government Alliance on Race and Equity. The city has made this a key project for the last couple of years. The committee is interested in providing more support in this area.

b. Discussion on 2026 Discussion Topics

- i. Decision was made to continue meeting monthly at 7PM on Tuesdays
- ii. Impact of ICE in the community is an important topic to continue. Suggestion is to bring CASA in to provide more information. Another staff member focused on city resources and support services can also join a meeting. Chief Towers will invite an expert from CASA to our next meeting.

c. Committee Workflow Discussion

- i. Suggested using Google docs to share references. We cannot do any work or make any decisions outside of the public meeting.
- ii. We can set up subcommittees for working groups.

V. HVL Police Dept Updates (from DC Lanham)

- a. One action the committee can take is to evaluate actions by the HPD and provide the city council with recommendations. Gave example of upgrading radio communication. It will cost over \$650K for the city. The previous upgrade was funded by a grant. Those grant opportunities are no longer available.
- b. Currently have 55 authorized positions. They are currently staffed at 52- some are in training or on leave. There are some officers who may retire or move on.
- c. Still working on moving in to new building. Awaiting permits.
- d. There was a shooting on East West Highway on New Years Day. Suspect shot and then fled. Due to new license plate readers HPD was able to find and apprehend the suspect the next day.

VI. Next Meeting: February 11, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:02.