



**Public Safety Community Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.**  
Florida Citrus Building – Florida Room  
500 Third Street NW  
Winter Haven, FL 33881

**MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Tom Freijo, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL** - Jamie Brown, Committee Clerk

**Present:** Tom Freijo, Chair; Beth Luxford; Christina Fullerton; Richard Treuman, Daniel Maxwell

**Absent:** Abdul Al-khatib, Vice-Chair; Shandra Blocker; Linda Wingate

**City Staff Present:** Charlie Bird, Public Safety Director; David Brannan, Police Chief and Committee Liaison; City Manager T. Michael Stavres

3. **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 18, 2022 MEETING MINUTES** – Tom Freijo, Chair

**Motion by Beth Luxford to accept the October 18, 2022, meeting minutes.**

**Second by Daniel Maxwell**

**Motion carried 5:0.**

4. **YEARLY REORGANIZATION** – Tom Freijo, Chair

Chair Freijo reviewed the selection process of Committee members. Morgan Wilson did not re-apply following her 1-year term. Linda Wingate and Richard Treuman submitted applications following their 1-year terms.

**Motion by Beth Luxford to accept the applications of Richard Treuman and Linda Wingate to serve a three-year term on the Committee.**

**Second by Daniel Maxwell**

**Motion carried 5:0**

5. **REVISION TO BY-LAWS** – Tom Freijo, Chair

Chair Freijo handed out a modified timeline of 2.5 in the Committee By-laws that will allow for more time for member replacement and appointment.

**Motion by Richard Treuman to accept the amended by-laws as presented.**

**Second by Christina Fullerton**

**Motion carried 5:0**

**6. MEMBER APPLICATION PROCESS: PROGRESS TO DATE: – Jamie Brown, Clerk**

Jamie Brown, Clerk reported on the only application received through the last application process. Disqualified due to not living in the City Limits of Winter Haven. Discussion was had regarding extending the application process until February 28, 2023 to fill open positions.

**Motion by Tom Freijo, Chair to extend the application process until February 28, 2023 to fill open positions.**

**Second by Daniel Maxwell**

**Motion carried 5:0**

**7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Tom Freijo, Chair**

Tom Freijo, Chair led discussion of nominating Chair and Vice Chair.

**Motion by Beth Luxford to retain Chair Tom Freijo and Vice-Chair Abdul Al-khatib for the next one-year term.**

**Second by Richard Treuman**

**Motion carried 5:0**

**8. REPORT ON PROBLEM SOLVING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERS**

Richard Treuman, Beth Luxford and Christina Fullerton commented on the valuable information that was received with the training.

**9. PARTICIPATION IN THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR PARADE - Tom Freijo, Chair**

Chair Freijo informed the Committee of an invitation from Director Bird to walk in the parade with him. The Committee accepted the invitation and encouraged those who are able to participate.

**10. STATUS OF MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL RECRUITMENT - Charlie Bird, Public Safety Director**

Director Bird gave an update on the application process and re-direction of the selection along with implementation of the program.

11. **SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Ways for the Committee to become more visible in the Community

12. **SELECTION OF NEXT MEETING DATE** – April 20, 2023, at 6 p.m. in the Florida Room at Nora Mayo Hall

**Motion by Beth Luxford.**

**Second by Daniel Maxwell.**

**Motion carried 5:0.**

13. **POLICE REPORT** - David Brannan, Chief of Police

**2022 Annual Report:** Chief Brannan informed the Committee that the 2022 Annual Report will be provided to the Committee in March 2023.

**Update on Recent Officer Involved Shootings:** Chief Brannan updated the committee regarding the two Officer Involved Shootings resulting in non-life-threatening injuries. Both are still under investigation by the Task Force.

14. **PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR REORT** – Charlie Bird, Director of Public Safety

Nothing to report.

15. **CITY MANAGER REPORT:** T. Michael Stavres, City Manager

City Manager Stavres publicly thanked the Committee for their involvement and commitment to the Committee.

16. **COMMITTEE CLERK REPORT:** Jamie Brown, Committee Clerk

Nothing to report.

17. **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:**

Chair Tom Freijo brought the subject of constitutional carry issue that is in other states. Referred to an article and quote by Florida's Governor. Discussion and clarification given by Police Chief Brannan and Director Bird.

18. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion by Richard Treuman to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.**

**Second by Daniel Maxwell.**

**Motion carried 5:0**

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNITY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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Jamie Brown  
Committee Clerk  
Public Safety Department

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Tom Freijo  
Committee Chair