

WINTER HAVEN **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Public Safety Community Advisory Committee
Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.
Florida Citrus Building – Florida Room
500 Third Street NW
Winter Haven, FL 33881

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Abdul Al-Khatib, Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL** - Jamie Brown, Committee Clerk

Present: Abdul Al-Khatib, Vice-Chair; Beth Luxford; Christina Fullerton; Linda Wingate; Richard Treuman, Shandra Blocher, Daniel Maxwell (arrived 6:06 p.m.)

Absent: Tom Freijo, Chair

City Staff Present: Charlie Bird, Public Safety Director; David Brannan, Police Chief and Committee Liaison; Sonny Emery, Fire Chief

3. **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 12, 2023 MEETING MINUTES** – Abdul Al-Khatib, Vice-Chair

Motion by Beth Luxford to accept the January 12, 2023 meeting minutes.

Second by Shandra Blocher

Motion carried 6:0.

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

Jamie Brown, Clerk reported on the only application received through the last application process. The applicant met all criteria and passed all background and qualified for the open seat. Committee discussed applicant, Pamela Turner-Musgrove.

Motion by Richard Treuman to appoint Pamela Turner-Musgrove to the open seat for a three-year term.

Second by Christina Fullerton

Motion carried 7:0

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

Director Bird announced the new member for the Mental Health Coordinator Morgan Wilson. The position will be a liaison between the Department and Peace River and assist with internal facing members.

6. **PRE-ARREST DIVERSION FOR MINOR TRAFFIC OFFENSES - David Brannan, Chief of Police**

Chief Brannan discussed the pre-arrest diversion program through the State Attorney's Office.

7. **SCHOOL SHOOTINGS: UVALDE VS. NASHVILLE – David Brannan, Chief of Police**

Chief Brannan gave an overview of the two shootings and the different law enforcement responses that each event had.

8. **ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING – Sonny Emery, Fire Chief; David Brannan, Chief of Police**

Chief Emery and Chief Brannan announced the work between Police and Fire to develop the Active Shooter Training that will be offered to the community. It is still in development.

9. **FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS - Sonny Emery, Fire Chief**

Chief Emery announced the three-new Battalion Chiefs who were recently promoted. Brian Beasley, Kyle Miller and Charlie Robles. He also discussed the open Lieutenant positions, Training Captain and Logistics.

10. **WAYS TO MAKE COMMITTEE MORE VISIBLE TO COMMUNITY**

Committee discussed possibly having Committee shirts, attending more City events for visibility such as graduations, promotions or trainings.

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

Ways for the Committee to be accountable to be more visible in the Community. Vice-Chair Al-Khatib asked Richard Treuman to bring ideas.

Discuss the “stitches get stitches”.

Discuss the recent shootings and how Stand Your Ground is more prevalent in the media. Panhandling in the median in Polk County and Winter Haven.

12. **SELECTION OF NEXT MEETING DATE – July 13, 2023, at 6 p.m. in the Florida Room at Nora Mayo Hall**

Motion by Beth Luxford.

Second by Richard Treuman.

Motion carried 7:0.

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.

Constitutional Carry: Chief Brannan gave an update on Florida's new Constitutional Carry law allowing citizens who can legally carry a gun will not be required to have a permit to conceal carry. This does NOT allow for open carry.

Recruiting Event – June 7 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Police Department.

Peace River Partnership – We will be partnering with Peace River and their partnership with Heartland for Children to share information to help with troubled kids and runaways.

14. FIRE REPORT – Sonny Emery, Fire Chief

Nothing to report.

15. PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR REPORT – Charlie Bird, Director of Public Safety

Nothing to report.

16. COMMITTEE CLERK REPORT: Jamie Brown, Committee Clerk

Jamie Brown brought forth the request from a reporter with The Sun to interview a few committee members to promote the committee.

17. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

Vice-Chair Abdul Al-Khatib has invited the members to the next Ministers Luncheon on April 27 at noon at Grace Lutheran Church, will give honor to the City Manager T. Michael Stavres who will also be speaking.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Second by Daniel Maxwell.

Motion carried 7:0

ATTEST:

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



Jamie Brown
Committee Clerk
Public Safety Department



Abdul Al-Khatib
Committee Vice-Chair