

City of Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee

December 5, 2023 Minutes APPROVED

1) ROLL CALL:

Committee Members Present: Peggy Higgins, Chair, Stan Zirkin, Mary Thomas, Steve Mirsky, Eunice Pierre.

Absent members sending notification: John Ottina, Dr Laura Kressler

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chair Peggy Higgins

3) AGENDA APPROVAL:

Stan Zirkin made a motion to approve the December 5, 2023 agenda. The motion was seconded by Steve Mirsky and unanimously approved.

4) APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Mary Thomas made a motion to approve the October 4, 2023 minutes. The motion was seconded by Stan Zirkin and unanimously approved. The November 2023 meeting was not held as not enough members could be present for quorum.

5) OLD BUSINESS:

a. Police Dept's submission of updated GPD General Orders to PSAC

Committee members reviewed the Department's general orders and Administration documents submitted to PSAC June 15, 2023. Peggy Higgins and Stan Zirkin will prepare a draft report for PSAC's review at the next meeting.

b) Status of updated security camera report

PSAC's submission of an updated security camera report to Council is pending requested information from the Chief.

6) NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of PSAC's December 4th meeting with Council

Reference was made of resident Bob Rand's remarks at the meeting about the continuing significant discrepancy in the department's traffic outcomes based on race and gender in recent GPD data regarding traffic outcomes. It was also noted that the Chief's remarks during the Council meeting about PSAC's request to review the officer-involved shooting conflated the issues and misrepresented the facts.

7) UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 9, 2024 (2nd Tuesday) – 7 pm

February 6, 2024 – 7 pm

Meeting adjourned

Eunice Pierre made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Stan Zirkin unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Higgins, Chair