

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017, IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL ROOM.

The meeting began at 7:40 p.m.

Members present were: Rick Ransom, Dea Zugby, Jamie Krauk, Kevin Hammett and David Moran, Staff Liaison.

Other City Officials present were: Silke Pope, Council Member and Thomas Moreland, Police Captain.

Also present were: Michael Hartman, Jeff Harrison and Bill Orleans.

Welcome & Introductions

Rick welcomed everyone.

Approval of Minutes

Jamie suggested an edit to the 2/21 minutes. Jamie moved approval of the minutes of February 2 and February 21. Dea seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

Rick announced that Alejandra had resigned from CRAB. Rick read the Community Pledge.

Planning for next Police Community Forum

Rick reported on his outreach to Dr. McNeill, Principal at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) and Brian Secker, Social Studies Teacher. He relayed Dr. McNeill's suggestion of using a workshop/small group format. There was discussion about how this format would work.

Rick and Dea had talked with the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). The Committee had suggested that the City hold the youth forum in September. Rick indicated that Mr. Secker was agreeable that a September forum would work. Both Mr. Secker and YAC favored scheduling the forum after school.

Jamie suggested that CRAB promote the youth forum and old Greenbelt forum on the next flyer even if CRAB doesn't have specific dates.

Michael suggested the forum be held during the school day or on a teacher work day. Tom suggested a Friday night in late September. Kevin suggested taking all these ideas back to the school and look for the best date.

Jamie suggested that the old Greenbelt forum be held sometime between May and September and that this be promoted on the flyer.

CRAB suggested May 23 for the Greenbelt East forum. The next CRAB meeting was set for May 2 in the Council Room. There was discussion about holding the old Greenbelt forum in June.

#### Voting Age Referral

Rick discussed the voting age referral noting the statistics that had been presented at the last meeting.

Bill stated that this was an opportunity to allow more people to vote.

Dea expressed support for lowering the age. Kevin agreed that Greenbelt had a history of citizen community involvement. Jamie was generally supportive as well.

Tom noted these were not adults.

Jeff favored keeping the voting age at 18.

Michael strongly supported the idea of lowering the age.

Rick also expressed support for lowering the age.

#### Regular Meeting Date

Rick encouraged CRAB to establish a regular meeting date.

#### Community Liaisons

Rick suggested that CRAB have liaisons to Greenbelt East, Franklin Park, Old Greenbelt and Greenbelt Station.

The meeting ended at 9:02 p.m.