



Community Policing Advisory Board

Minutes

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Meeting was held at the Rockville City Police Department – 2 W. Montgomery Ave, Rockville, MD 20850

Members Present: Matt Perkins, Scott Moore, Bob Ross, Michael Zuckman, Eric Schneider, Petra Pacher, Robin Prather, and Steve Bennett were present. Larry Center, Rebecca Kahlenberg, Todd Simmons, and Eddie Friedman were absent.

Staff Present: Chief of Police Jason West, Major Bill Nieberding, Police Executive Assistant Ebony Parker, and City Manager Jeff Mihelich were present. Board Liaison Marissa Valeri was absent.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Perkins conducted roll call and called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. Motion to Approve Board Meeting Agenda

Motion: to approve the May 1, 2025, meeting agenda.

Moved by Board member Schneider, seconded by Board member Prather, unanimously approved.

III. Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion: to approve the April 3, 2025, meeting minutes.

Moved by Board member Prather, seconded by Board member Moore, unanimously approved.

IV. Guest Introductions and Statements

Guest Introductions – Chairperson Perkins welcomed John Becker who introduced himself as a Rockville resident. Mr. Becker distributed information regarding speed monitoring and cameras in Rockville. He discussed speeding concerns for areas near his residence in Rockville and suggested that speed cameras should be placed in certain areas of Rockville where speeding is an issue. Mr. Becker informed the Board that he would introduce this information to various groups and committees in Rockville, including CPAB, Pedestrian Advocacy Committee, Rockville Bike Advocacy Committee, Rockville City Police Department, and Mayor and Council.

Motion: to approve Mr. Becker to speak for more than 3-minute time allotted.

Moved by Board member Zuckman, seconded by Board member Moore, unanimously approved.

V. Community Policing Advisory Board Updates

New Member Introduction – Chairperson Perkins introduced Steve Bennett who attended the April CPAB meeting and was appointed to the Board. Mr. Perkins also mentioned new member Eddie Friedman who was not present but is an alternate member on the Board.

City Manager Update – Mr. Jeff Mihelich, the City Manager gave a brief update about the chief search and stated that the search is now narrowed down to (4) candidates. He briefly described the process in hiring the new chief and said that an offer would be made by the end of May. Mr. Mihelich reminded the Board that Ms. Prather was selected as CPAB representative on the search committee and would be part of the panel at the Meet and Greet. Mr. Mihelich said that he would be reaching out to CPAB soon in reference to the date and time of the Meet and Greet.

VI. Rockville City Police Updates

RCPD Updates – Chief West asked the Board if they received information regarding the upcoming community engagement events. Ms. Parker informed the Board that she would email them the list of May community events.

Meet RCPD – Major Bill Nieberding introduced himself as acting Major Nieberding, who oversees the Administrative Services Bureau. Major Nieberding informed the Board that he has been with RCPD for 27 years, has a degree in criminal justice, previously worked with the street crimes unit as a patrol sergeant and in investigations, and has worked with Montgomery County Police in conjunction with RCPD. Major Nieberding shared that he has spent most of his career with the RCPD Field Services Bureau but is now part of the Administrative Services Bureau.

VII. New Business

Elect New Chairperson – Chairperson Perkins informed the Board that his term is up at the end of the month and advised the members that they will need to elect a new chairperson by next month's meeting in June. Matt asked the Board if anyone would like to nominate themselves or if any of the members would like to nominate anyone. Mr. Ross stated that he would like to nominate Board member Schneider and Mr. Zuckman agreed.

Motion: to approve Mr. Eric Schneider as the new Chairperson.

Moved by Board member Ross, seconded by Board member Zuckman, unanimously approved.

Annual Report – Ms. Prather inquired about the annual report due in September. Mr. Perkins suggested it should be determined in the June's meeting. Eric mentioned meeting every month and would also discuss that during the meeting in June.

VIII. Upcoming Meetings & Adjournment

The next meeting of the CPAB will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion: to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by Board member Moore, motion seconded by Prather, motion passes unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.