

POLICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Bethel A.M.E. Church, 163 Sheldon Lane, Ardmore, PA 19003
September 26, 2016
6:30 p.m.

The Police and Community Relations Committee meeting was held on Monday, September 26, 2016, at Bethel A.M.E. Church in Ardmore.

In attendance:

<u>Committee and Police Staff:</u>	<u>Members of the public in attendance:</u>
Superintendent Michael McGrath Captain Frank Thomas Captain Gene Pasternak Officer Josephine Murray Christine Dixon-Anderson Rev. Carolyn Cavanass Rev. Carlos Bounds Linda Jackson Rose Johnson Tom McDaniel Maryam Phillips	Commissioner V. Scott Zelov Commissioner Brian Gordon Crystal Blunt Nahjee Grant Marie Suvansin Jerry Holland

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Christine Dixon-Anderson. Christine went over what will be discussed on the Agenda.

Minutes of the June 25, 2016 Meeting

The minutes from the July 25, 2016 meeting were approved on motion by Thomas McDaniel and seconded by Reverend Carolyn Cavanass. So moved.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent McGrath gave an update on the Community Policing Consultant, which was approved at the September 21st meeting by the Board of Commissioners. The Consultant selected was Major Ben's Consulting Agency.

Coffee With a Cop – The next Coffee With a Cop will be held at the Penn Wynne Library on Friday, October 7, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Community Summit – Region Wide - Race for Peace – Superintendent McGrath reported that the “Race for Peace” Summit, a region-wide police and community engagement forum will be held on October 29, 2016.

Lower Merion Report It App – The new Township App was discussed as another means of anonymously reporting issues of concern to the police department. Instructions for using the App were distributed.

Children’s Program – Ardmore Library – Police Story Time will be held on Saturday October 1, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. Nahjee Grant provided additional background on this event and a prior one held in the spring of 2016.

Old Business – Commissioner Brian Gordon asked about discussions regarding race relations.

New Business – Mrs. Crystal Blunt spoke about the CARE (Committee to Address Race in Education) Program at Lower Merion High School.

Jerry Holland spoke about speeding on Greenfield Avenue and people driving through the stop lights at Spring and Cricket Avenues and stop signs at Lippincott Avenue.

Discussion ensued regarding people parking during business hours on Walnut and Drexel Avenues. Believed to be employees of business in Ardmore.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday, October 24, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., at Bethel A.M.E., 50 S. Merion Ave., Bryn Mawr.

There being no further business, this public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Members of the PCRC met in executive session to discuss ongoing investigations in the area.

There being no further business, Rose Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Thomas McDaniel. So moved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.