

POLICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Bethel A.M.E. Church, 50 S. Merion Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
October 24, 2016
6:30 p.m.

The Police and Community Relations Committee meeting was held on Monday, October 24, 2016, at Bethel A.M.E. Church in Bryn Mawr.

In attendance:

<u>Committee and Police Staff:</u>	<u>Members of the public in attendance:</u>
Superintendent Michael McGrath Commissioner Steven Lindner Captain Frank Thomas Captain Gene Pasternak Officer Josephine Murray Christine Dixon-Anderson Rev. Carlos Bounds Linda Jackson Rose Johnson Tom McDaniel Maryam Phillips Marie Thornton Robin Thomas	Commissioner Brian Gordon Crystal Blunt Nahjee Grant Ed Radlow Heidi Scheer

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 September 26, 2016 Meeting

The minutes from the September 26, 2016 meeting were approved, as amended, on motion by Rev. Bounds and seconded by Linda Jackson. So moved.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent McGrath gave an update on the Community Policing Consultant. Major Ben's Consulting Agency was selected. Major Ben will be meeting with the Township Manager and Assistant Township Manager soon to set up the guidelines. He will eventually be meeting with this committee as well.

Race for Peace Summit – Superintendent McGrath reported that the “Race for Peace” Summit, a region-wide police and community engagement forum will be held on October 29, 2016 at 48th Street Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, 5539 Vine Street, Philadelphia. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. and is open to everyone.

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

Recent Investigation – Captain Thomas gave an update on an ongoing investigation in Ardmore and Bryn Mawr, culminating in arrests of three Ardmore males for narcotics and related offenses. A second investigation lead to two arrests, one from Ardmore and one from Bryn Mawr relating to weapons and drugs. Christine Anderson thanked the Police Department for their persistence from the community.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Gordon asked if Major Ben will be reaching out to the community. Superintendent McGrath stated that he will at some point. He also asked where would be the best place to hold such a meeting. That will be discussed at a later date.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday, November 28, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church (Christine will check with Reverend Davis).

There being no further business, this public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

There being no further business, Linda Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Superintendent McGrath. So moved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.