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## CITY OF FORT PIERCE

### POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Regular Meeting - Thursday, April 11, 2019 - 3:30 p.m.

Fort Pierce City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 100 N US Highway 1, Fort Pierce, FL

Present: Melvin Jones, Sr.; Charles Hayek; Henry Duhart; James Edwards; Dr.  
Pinkie Hendley

Staff Present: Chief of Police Diane Hopley-Burney  
Sergeant Jason Braun

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 3. ROLL CALL

#### 4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Any person who wishes to comment on any subject on this Agenda may be heard at this time. Please sign the sign-up sheet in order to speak. Please limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes, as this section of the Agenda is limited to thirty minutes. The Police Community Advisory Board will not be able to take any official action under "Comments from the Public" section.

There were no comments from the public.

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS

A. None.

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of minutes from the March 13, 2019 meeting.

Motion was made by Dr. Pinkie Hendley, seconded by Melvin Jones, Sr. to make amendments to Agenda to include the approval minutes, approve minutes and the correction of the time.

AYE: Charles Hayek, Henry Duhart, James Edwards, Melvin Jones, Sr., Dr. Pinkie Hendley

Passed

B. Presentation from the City's Legal Staff on the Sunshine Law.

Iola Mosley, City Attorney's Office, explains Open Meetings Law. That this committee is covered by the Sunshine Law, Florida State Constitution Article 1, Section 24b. Statutory clarifications found in Florida Statute Section 286.011. All agency committees, or boards, or public governmental agencies meetings are required to be open to the public, they have to be noticed, they must provide opportunity for input and there must be minutes taken. Committee members input satisfies requirements as members are from various sectors of society and represent various sectors or community as a whole. Whenever two or more members are gathered and are discussing business related to the board or commission constitutes a meeting and has to take place "within the Sunshine", the three requirement must be met, rules above. Nothing is off the record when it comes to a commission or board.

Public participation doesn't appear in Statutes that there is a mandated opportunity to be heard, except in quasi-judicial settings. Public can ask questions and have the right to be heard, can record meeting, but do not have right to be disruptive and/or take over meeting, these persons can be asked to leave or be escorted out by law enforcement.

Voting requirements, ballot can be used. Ballots and results have to be read into the record. Cannot have secret ballots.

Exemptions to Public Records and Sunshine. Marcy's Law restricts disclosure of name or identifying information regarding victims/victim's family to the public under any circumstances, Florida State Constitution Article 1, Section 16.

C. Review of the Resolution and guidelines for the Committee.

Committee to act in conjunction with the Police Department and make quality of life better for citizens of Fort Pierce. Committee will be liaison between community, city commission and Police Department (Department). Examples Policy/Rules and Procedure for committee will be supplied by Iola Mosley and discussed further.

D. Discussion of April 22, 2019 Commission Workshop.

Committee members invited to attend budget workshop to discuss budgets and to guide commission of some wants and needs of the Department, such as cars, computers and other equipment. Committee requests information regarding the budget and needs of the Department.

E. Discussion and review of received correspondence.

Committee discussed correspondence from Brian Wilcox inquire about Shotspotter and Tag Readers, to the cost and effectiveness.

Member Pinky Hendley recuses self from making any statements.

f. Change the structure of the meeting to moving public comments to the end of the meeting.

Motion was made by Henry Duhart, seconded by Melvin Jones, Sr. to adopt how the City Commission does public comments for the next Committee meeting, that the public has to sign up to make comments at the beginning and the comments at the end are free to the public that shows up and that there is a three (3) minute limit.

AYE: Charles Hayek, Henry Duhart, James Edwards, Melvin Jones, Sr., Dr. Pinkie Hendley

Passed

Henry Duhart suggests moving public comments to the end of the meeting, for those that arrive to the meeting late. Persons wanting to make comments should sign up at the beginning of the meeting.

Charles Hayek and James Edwards agrees, that agenda items can be moved to the beginning and public comments moved to the end of the meeting.

Pinky Hendley states public can be allowed to comment on agenda items and then comment in general towards end of meeting. Charles Hayek agreed, stating the public should be the eyes and ears of the Department and may have input on specific agenda items.

g. Waive the agenda for this meeting and allow public comment at the end.

Motion was made by Dr. Pinkie Hendley, seconded by Melvin Jones, Sr. to waive the agenda for this meeting for those members of the public that have shown up and wish to speak to the committee be allowed to do so.

AYE: Charles Hayek, Henry Duhart, James Edwards, Melvin Jones, Sr., Dr.  
Pinkie Hendley

Passed

**7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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Jules Paul.  
Nikki Owens.  
Dotty Stonestreet.  
Dorian Bridges.  
Allen Wells.

**8. STAFF COMMENTS**

Chief Hobbey-Burney states the RICH House (Resources In Community ), 243 Avenue I, will be opening next month, will be expanding on Courageous Kids Program and will have more educational offerings for children in the community and their parents. That the statements made in the public comments will be followed up on.

**9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

1. Charles Hayek states the Department works very hard to establish relationship with the youth of Fort Pierce, especially at First Step Park where every Tuesday night Police Officers are there interacting with the children, they serve dinner. Suggested Ms. Owen look into that for her students.
2. James Edwards stated there were break-ins at Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church that were not reported.
3. Melvin Jones stated he's a Shriner and tries to assist in the community as much as he can, that more volunteers and more children and their parents are needed to play and assist baseball and to assist the youth in the community. That parents need to be more involved.

4. Pinky Hendley, Pastor of New Life Christian Fellowship Church, 2308 Avenue D, stated they have been doing know your law workshops where children and parents are invited to come together to go over some of the things that are happening in the community, so they can know what the laws are. Invited the Commission, the Police Department and Sherriff's Office to a breakfast they hold every second Saturday, May's breakfast moved to May 18th. Would like to bring the C.O.P. program to her community so the community can be the eyes and the ears of the Department.

5. Henry Duhart thanked all the citizens that attended today's meeting, asked them to spread the word about upcoming meetings, because the goal is for everyone to work together and wants the citizens to understand that. Expressed appreciation to the Police Department and the Officers.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.