

CITY OF FORT PIERCE
POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Regular Meeting - Thursday, April 9, 2026 - 3:30 p.m.

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

Present: Melvin Jones, Sr.; Bob Burdge; Quincy Barr

Absent: Betty Bradwell; Charlie Hayek

Staff Present: Chief of Police David Smith
Deputy Chief Caleb Gillette
Deputy City Clerk Lisa Gittens

1. CALL TO ORDER

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.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the Minutes from March 12th, 2026 Police Community Advisory Committee Meeting.

Motion was made by Melvin Jones, Sr., seconded by Quincy Barr to approve the Minutes from March 12th, 2026 Police Advisory Committee Meeting.

AYE: Bob Burdge, Melvin Jones, Sr., Quincy Barr
Passed

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Traffic Enforcement Agreement update from PD.

Police Chief, David Smith advised that there were no updates on the Traffic Enforcement Agreement, they're still working through it.

- b. Crime Watch List

Bob Burdge supplied a list of active Crime Watch groups locally and said that he intends to go to at least one of their meetings.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Chief Caleb Gillette encouraged everyone to attend the Tip-A-Cop event scheduled for Friday 10th April, which is in support of the Special Olympics. He also announced that Chief Smith will host his second Town Hall meeting on Thursday 16th, at 6 p.m. at Discovery Church.

Chief David Smith shared that while the 1st Town Hall meeting was productive, attendance was low, possibly due to the weather. He emphasized that these meetings are a valuable opportunity to engage with the community, provide updates, and allow residents to voice concerns directly. He also noted the importance of maintaining transparency and accessibility, while acknowledging that participation ultimately depends on the public.

8. STAFF COMMENTS

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Members of the committee spoke about the importance of community investment in youth programs—like boxing gyms and sports fields—to keep kids active, engaged, and out of trouble, along with concerns about access to local facilities.

The committee discussed improving public awareness and community involvement, Police Chief David Smith asked if there anything that prevents the committee from having the City post that we are having the advisory meeting so more residents are aware that they can attend the meetings.

Additionally, they clarified that the committee serves only in an advisory role to the police department, with no policy-making authority.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 PM.