



POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA
Wednesday, April 26, 2023 - 6:00 PM
Council Chambers, Newport City Hall, 169 SW Coast Highway

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.A Committee Vacancy Update

3.B Action Plan Update

3.C Community Events

3.D Monthly Statistics - March 2023

3.E Director's Report

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. COMMITTEE COMMENT

6. ADJOURNMENT

March 22, 2023
6:00 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Baxter called the March 22, 2023 meeting of the Police Advisory Committee to order at 6:00 P.M. In attendance were Mindy Baxter, Sandy Roumagoux, Esmeralda Hernandez, Rick Gutknecht, Susan Van Liew, Lonnie Martinez, Sam Hurst, CM Hall (via telephone), Patty Riley, Executive Assistant, and Lieutenant Brent Gainer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Roumagoux, seconded by Hernandez, to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2023 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Committee Vacancy Update. Riley reported there are still two Committee Member vacancies. One is for a high school student, and the other one is for a Latino Community Representative. Riley reached out to Samantha Murphy at the high school, and asked Hurst to spread the word also. Riley also asked Hernandez to spread the word. Applications can be found on the City's website.

Action Plan Update. The Committee is currently working on the Community event. Baxter suggested the Committee review the Action Plan at the next meeting. Gutknecht will go through the Action Plan to fill in dates that projects were completed. Baxter added that Van Liew had some things to add to the Action Plan regarding the schools.

Report on Recommendation to City Council. Baxter spoke about the Committee's recommendation to recreate the COMET program. Baxter met with Malloy about the process. Malloy has been working with the Sheriff's Department. There is funding available, but the County is not able to fill the positions. It was decided that it was too soon to go to a City Council work session. Malloy is going to take the next step by setting up a meeting with all of the agencies involved including the Sheriff's Department and Behavioral Health. Gainer offered to speak with Malloy to get an update.

Community Event. Councilor Botello has been working on securing funding for a LatinX Community event. Gainer updated the group on the event. Botello and the Oregon State Extension Office are organizing a Café Resource event to be held on Thursday April 20th at 5:30 PM at the Newport Recreation Center. The event will be focusing on promoting social and health wellness among Latin and Mesoamerican Indigenous people. One room will focus on emergency preparedness and fire prevention, and the other room will focus on community safety. Riley will email the Committee and let them know if they are needed to help with this event.

Monthly Statistics. January and February statistics are included in the agenda. Gainer briefly discussed the stats explaining how the Seafood and Wine Festival impacted the Police Department, including 12 DUII arrests for the weekend.

Director's Report. Gainer gave a staffing update. Officer Bales has been promoted to Sergeant, Officer Hallmark will now be Acting Sergeant. On the negative side, the Police Officer application pool has been poor. There were three telephone interviews last week, and unfortunately none of the three are continuing on with the interview process. There are still four open Police Officer positions. The Police Department has three Officers currently in training. They will all be fully trained and on their own in January 2024. Gainer answered questions regarding hiring. Job offers have been made for a part time CSO, and a full time Parking Enforcement Officer. Those applicants are still in backgrounds. Roumagoux asked Gainer about the Police Volunteer program. Gainer explained how there is not enough interest in the program right now. The program lost all the remaining volunteers during Covid. Gainer also briefly discussed the Citizens Academy program.

COMMITTEE COMMENT

Hurst spoke again about revitalizing the COMET program. There was discussion about the lack of qualified candidates for mental health positions in the County.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 P.M.