



**Community Policing Advisory Board  
Minutes  
WebEx Board Meeting  
Thursday, October 6, 2022**

**Members Present:** Donna Barnes, Michael Donahue, Jaime Espinosa, Lori Horkan, Chiara Jaffe, Matthew Perkins, and Rici Rutkoff, and David Smith were present. Bernadette Goovaerts, Robin Prather and Michael Scott were absent.

**Staff Present:** Major Andrew Powell and Police Executive Assistant Andrea Escher.

**I. Call to Order**

Chairwoman Perkins conducted roll call and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. Motion to Approve Board Meeting Agenda**

**Motion:** to approve the September meeting agenda.

Moved by Board member Smith, seconded by Board member Jaffe, unanimously approved.

**III. Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** to approve the September 1, 2022 meeting minutes.

Moved by Board member Horkan, seconded by Board member Donahue. Jaffe and Smith abstained – motion approved.

**IV. RCPD Updates**

*Annual Report Update* – Board member Jaffe said she will incorporate the changes and suggestions to the draft and will provide it at the next meeting.

*September 10 Open House* – Big success, well attended, the Board members in attendance had a better interaction with the community compared to Hometown Holidays and would like to participate again.

*Police Accountability Act Update* – Major Powell provided an update to the Board about the recent changes to Police Officer discipline and the new disciplinary process, to include the creation of the State Disciplinary Matrix and the creation of the Montgomery Police Accountability Board which took effect July 1, 2022.

**V. Community Concerns Survey – Results & Findings**

Board member Barnes conducted a Mental Wellness Survey to gauge the community’s awareness with prevention, intervention, post calls for mental assistance and substance abuse. 30 people participated in the survey which consisted of four questions. Half of the responses were not aware of mental health services available. Barnes advised there should be more navigation, promotion and focus on the homeless and youth, specifically youth between the ages of 12-17 for “help seeking behavior.” She is in the process working on a prototype “app” for seeking service with students from the Rockville High School. There was also a discussion regarding the Police Department being overwhelmed with crisis calls. Barnes suggested collaborating with NAMI in Rockville and suggested a NAMI representative come talk to the Board at the next meeting. The Board agreed.

**VI. Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee**

Due to a conflict with the speaker, this meeting item will be moved to the November meeting.

**VII. Meet RCPD**

The Board met with Lieutenant Ken Matney, he provided an introduction and discussed his history with RCPD and his roles here with the agency.

**VIII. New Business**

The Board would like to discuss with Chief Brito at the next meeting his thoughts on the Referendum to Legalize Marijuana in the State of Maryland – what he has heard/seen from other locations which have passed this legislation and what can be expected.

**IX. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment**

The next meeting of the CPAB will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in person at the Twinbrook Community Center.

**Motion:** to adjourn.

Moved by Board member Smith, motion seconded by Donahue unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.