

CLEMSON POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Members in Attendance: Madame Chair Lisa Robinson, Winton Hunter, Steven Plant, Elaine Masceri, Kevin Dull, Sandy Edge, Pablo Unda, Saniya Burns, and Chief Campos

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Madame Chair Lisa Robinson @ 6:00pm

Roll Call: Roll was called by Madame Chair Lisa Robinson. [Jacquie Myers](#) has an excused absence. All other members in attendance.

Approval of Agenda: Elaine Masceri made motion to approve, Seconded by Sandy Edge. Motion carried.

Approval of previous meeting minutes – August 29, 2024: Kevin Dull made motion to approve, Elaine Masceri seconded. Motion passed.

Citizen Comments: No citizens present in audience. Chief Campos mentioned conversations with council comments/questions.

- Speed sign on Isaqueena @ Berkeley. Some want it turned around facing other direction - public works and Admin involved. More signs are ordered, and they may put a separate sign facing other direction.
- Putting leading pedestrian intervals at US123 and SC93 - DOT advised it would further compound the traffic issues.
- Turn lane on Isaqueena @ Pendleton Rd. requested. That is also a DOT issue b/c they are state roads.
- Update on reduction of speed in neighborhoods. City Ordinance says city roads are no higher than 25 unless there are special hazards. We have to define those special hazards (speed bumps, no sidewalks, width of road etc.)
 - LR asked if speed bumps were an option. Chief Campos advised there are traffic calming procedures. We would prefer a speed table as opposed to a bump but we are looking at options. Everyone on the street would have to be on board. The city cannot cover the cost at the moment.
- Residents that live behind Esso, during game days Highway Patrol takes control of the roadway and they can't get out by Oak St. They want a permit or something to get through there. CUPD plan says residents are allowed but HP controls the intersection and can only allow through if there is a hang tag. It's a complicated issue. Who administers the tags, there are several roads involved, complexes, and neighborhoods. Could be hundreds of permits. Who pays for them, monitors them, issues them? These residents are not blocked in. They have ways to get out, it is just inconvenient. Kevin Dull mentioned blockade at Oak and Old Clemson. Chief Campos advised the residents asked for the blockade. We do the same at Wiggington.

Presentation by Helen Westmoreland with Crime Stoppers: Crime Stoppers existed in Pickens County until 2022. Have spoken with Sheriff elect Blankenship about trying to reactivate the program in Pickens. It is a 501C3 non-profit. It requires a board that has to be majority civilian. Program must have a coordinator attached to a law enforcement agency (in Oconee, it's the sheriff's office). Coordinator gets a tip, sends it to the correct people. Everything is anonymous. If a tip results in an arrest, a tipster can receive a reward. The reward is also received anonymously. They never meet with anyone from law enforcement or reveal their information. We need to develop a Pickens County board of directors for the Crime stoppers to be reopened. Have PCSO lined up, CUPD has someone committed to it, CPD has someone. There is training with state council that meets quarterly in Columbia. Have to be registered with the state council, have majority civilian board, and state council monitors transactions to make sure everything stays above board. Crime stoppers is protected by SC state statute so the information cannot be subpoenaed. Law enforcement has to verify information. A tip alone is not probable cause. Reward

money comes through fund raising. There is occasionally grant money available and donations from businesses. Most city and county councils set aside money in their yearly budget to provide some support. Board members must pass background check, but do not have residential restrictions. Some familiarity with the area to help with fundraising and getting the word out. Asking some city councils to build some in their budget each year to add to the Crime Stoppers fund. If anyone wants to be involved, let Chief Campos know.

Department Status / Staffing Review: Chief Campos provided a synopsis of current matters with the Department.

- still have two officer vacancies
- two officers have just completed their FTO
- Jailer that completed FTO
- one dispatch position open
- hired one that starts next week
- One PT dispatcher
- The seven new cars we got this FY are almost ready to go to the upfitters soon so they can be issued out.
- Received our light tower and message board
- Finished hosting a leadership training course
- Glock armorer class next week
- Tentative date for golf tournament April 29, 2025

Crime Review: Chief Campos gave a rundown of the crime statistics for August 2024.

- No murders, rapes, sexual assaults reported
- 15 simple assaults
- 9 break ins
- 11 break ins to vehicles
- 13 motor vehicle thefts - most are scooters or mopeds
- 11 narcotic violations
- several drunk and disorderly and liquor violations was a little over 80
- 119 in jail for August. (99 of those were CPD and the rest were CUPD arrests)
- 910 traffic stops
- 435 citations
- 5 DUI
- 45 vehicle collisions
 - o 6 with injuries
- 5277 calls for service

University put messages out about drinks being spiked in the downtown area. We have had a handful of reports of people that think they were drugged. Not all were tested so we cannot confirm. We did have some tests come back positive for substances the victim was not aware they ingested. Right now no leads, just rumors.

We had the unfortunate kidnapping event that occurred on the edge of campus at the city. A sex offender that was recently released asked several people for a ride. A good samaritan gave him a ride and was assaulted. No crime occurred in the city of Clemson. That person could have approached anyone in any location. We do not think anyone was specifically targeted. The concern is that no one called law enforcement when he approached them. **If you see something, say something.** This is what the PD is here for. It's our job to check these things. They can submit an anonymous tip online or call and remain anonymous. Part of it is the younger people prefer text to calling. City just paid for the program for emergency text messages and alerts.

Early Sunday morning, off Old Central Rd. we got calls of gun shots being heard. No one saw anything but heard it. It wasn't until later in the morning that they started noticing bullet holes in different things. There was an area with several spent shell casings. We are still investigating. We have canvassed and talked to neighbors and apartment complex managers to get video etc. Don't believe the apartments were targeted.

Requested Presentations: Next month we have Narcan folks coming.

Board Member Open Discussion: Elaine asked animal issues, specifically in reference to a rabid raccoon. Who do they call? Chief Campos said call us if you need, especially after hours. Then we can notify the on-call persons.

Adjournment: Kevin Dull made a motion to adjourn. Steven Plant 2nd. Motion passed.

Adjourned at 7:18 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6:00PM on Thursday, October 24, 2024, Council Chambers, City Hall.
Minutes submitted by Karla Jones, Admin. Assistant to the Chief of Police, City of Clemson.