

CLEMSON POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Date: Thursday, March 27, 2025

Members in Attendance: Capt. Matt Culbreath (for Chief Campos), Madame Chair Lisa Robinson, Winton Hunter, Steven Plant, Elaine Masceri, Sandy Edge, Kevin Dull, Jacquie Myers, Pablo Unda and Saniya Burns

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. All members in attendance. Capt. Matt Culbreath filling in for Chief Jorge Campos.

Approval of Agenda: Kevin Dull made motion to approve agenda. Seconded by Elaine Masceri. Motion carried.

Approval of previous meeting minutes – Feb. 27, 2025: Sandy Edge made a motion to approve. Kevin Dull seconded. Motion passed.

Citizen Comments: No citizen's comments or questions presented. Members of a CU class are in the audience to observe.

Presentation by Bill Brightman of "Service Dogs for Vets": Service Dogs for Vets is a 501C charity located in Greenville, SC. They are in their 11th year. Between 12-20% of people transitioning out of the military have some form of impairment or trauma. Service dogs can be helpful both physically and psychologically. They have graduated close approximately 180 service dog teams through their 8 month process and 60 companion dog teams which is a 3 month process. With Mr. Brightman is one of their successful teams, Joe and Shyloh. Under the American with Disabilities Act, a service dog must be trained to perform an unnatural act for its companion in their time of need. The dogs are trained to be unobtrusive, quiet and non-aggressive. The goal is for the dog to be present, Intentional, and Calm. Shyloh demonstrated several of the acts she has been trained to perform for Joe. Mr. Brightman advised that their veterans do approximately 70% pf the training outside of their classes, which helps to create a bond and makes the dog more attuned to their veteran. Along with being a certified service dog, Shyloh is also a K-9 good citizen and is in the process of being certified as a therapy dog. These additions allow Shyloh more physical contact from other citizens when warranted. Service animals are not covered by the VA. A professionally trained dog from a normal service would cost around \$35,000 for training. Mr. Brightman's training course costs around \$8500 to train. The reduction in cost is primarily because of the training done at home by the veteran.

Department Status / Staffing Review: Capt. Culbreath provided a synopsis of current matters with the Department.

- Had a LT resign and have filled that position with Sgt. Davis
 - Now must fill Sgt. Davis former position
- two officer vacancies
- two dispatch vacancies
- 4 officers in training
 - one was previously certified and will have shorter training period
 - One starting FTO in April
 - Two are at the Academy now
 - One is on light duty and does not count as training
- Sgt. Martizabel Reyes was sworn in on March 3
- We had our budget meeting with administration and council
 - Asked for one officer and one dispatcher
 - Asked for 6 marked and one unmarked vehicles
- We are working on our new CAD system and hope to go live in the next few months

Crime Review: Capt. Culbreath gave a rundown of the crime statistics for February 2025.

- 4784 calls for service
- 495 traffic stops
- 230 citations
- 28 MIP
- 30 Noise complaints
- 1 noise violation issued

Proposed Golf Cart City Ordinance: It was presented to council. There is a public hearing next council session (April 7th). We are refining it a little. Anticipate a fair amount of push back. We are not modifying any rules, we are just looking to know whose golf cart it is. There was some misreported information by the Journal and our PIO had to send a correction. Unfortunately until state law changes, we can't allow them on the road at night.

Requested Presentations: Elaine Masceri suggested having someone from another non-profit animal organization come speak.

Board Member Open Discussion: None

Adjournment: Kevin Dull made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Sandy Edge and carried.

Adjourned at 6:53pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6:00PM on Thursday, April 24, 2025, Council Chambers, City Hall. Minutes submitted by Karla Jones, Admin. Assistant to the Chief of Police, City of Clemson.