



POLICING ADVISORY COMMISSION

Monday, January 9, 2023

6:30PM to 8:00PM

[Meeting Virtually](#)

Meeting Minutes

Commission members present: Kristy Daphnis, Christina DeLane, Laurie Ekstrand, Robin Gaster, Jenn Lynn, Ty McKinney, Vernon Ricks, Eric Sterling [8 attendees]

Commission members absent: Cherri Branson (on leave of absence) and Ruhama Endishaw [2 absent]

Ex-officio members present: Sgt. Cate Brewer (FOP), Chief Marcus Jones [2 attendees]

Support staff: Logan Anbinder, Susan Farag, Nazeefa Hossain, YQuynh Nguyen [4 staff]

Guests: Abate, Adam Currie, Alex Bell, Angela Geer (CM Friedson), Angelica Alvarez, Anne Simon, Apps Bichu (Bethesda Magazine), Art Brodsky, Avery Meyer, B. Caldero, Befekadu Behailu, Benjamin Slade, Bill, C.M. James III, Carla, Carlean Ponder, Charles Chaconas, Chris Tippery (MCPD), Chris Zatrutz, Cindy, Coco Cohen, Cordell Pugh, David Martone, David Fagan, David Romeo, Dick Jurgena, Donna Dolan, Dowitcher Way, Eddie, Ellen & Steve Bezner, Elizabeth, Eric Schneider, Evelyn Joy, Ezra Pine, Fern, Fox 5, George Hudgens, George Wyeth, Georges, Harold Hill, Hilary Klein, Hitesh Virmani, Ian Clark, Jeff, Jeff Wyatt, Jessica Boback, Joanna Silver, Joe Lowery, John, John (2), John Prochilo, Jordan Pascale, Jose Maldonado, June Henderson, Lawrence Bricker, Lt. David Reed, Lisa, Lt. Ari Elkin, Lynda Pollard, Marcela Samuels, Marilyn Balcombe, Marisa Van Saanen (CM Jawando), Matt, Matthew Murguia, mcnicd01, Melissa Goemann, Michael Mendelson, Michelle Albornoz, Mlt, Mo Ghahhari, Assistant Chief Nicholas Augustine (MCPD), Omodamola, Jose Ortiz (CM Fani-Gonzalez), P, Petty, Phil Andrews, Raymond Lombardo, Rbaumann, Rick, Robert Brown, Robert Stubblefield, Robert Veiga, Roy Isenberg, Scott Schneider, Seth Grimes, Shaunte Preer, SimmsG, Sharif Hidayat, SimmsG, Sonya Snedecor, Steve, Steve Bezner, Steve Ramirez, Tee Hargrove, Thomas Didone, Tony, WDCW, WPL, WRC, WTOP News Operations, Zeke Najeeb, 3 individuals calling in by phone [104 attendees]

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

I. Attendance and Administrative Items (6:30 PM)

- Mr. Sterling called the meeting to order.

II. Welcome and Introduction Montgomery County, MD Policing Advisory Commission (PAC) Public Forum on Traffic Enforcement

- Mr. Sterling delivered a welcome explaining the purpose of the forum, including inviting the public to express their vision of traffic enforcement and strategies to improve traffic safety.

III. Speakers

- The individuals registered to speak at this hearing were:
 - Shaunte Preer
 - Sharif Hidayat
 - Mo Ghahbari
 - Robert Veiga (SSJC)
 - Thomas Didone
 - Steven Bezner
 - David Martone
 - Michael Mendelson
 - Lawrence Bricker
 - Sean Adkins
 - Nancy Russ
 - Miguel Vargas
 - Raymond Lombardo
 - Steve Cohen
 - Art Butler
 - Harold Hill
 - Benjamin Slade

IV. New Business

- Chief Jones spoke and shared on current trends on traffic safety and enforcement.
- Mr. Ricks spoke in favor of the law that requires drivers to have headlights on while wipers are on as a means for reducing traffic incidents.
- Mr. McKinney discussed his impression that the speakers tonight asked for a balance between law enforcement intervention and automated enforcement, and emphasized the importance of striking that balance. He also thanked the police officials who participated.
- Mr. Gaster also thanked the MCPD officials who participated. He encouraged the use of additional data from other jurisdictions as points of comparison to the data from practices in the County.
- Ms. Daphnis spoke in favor of automated traffic enforcement and slower traffic speeds. She emphasized the importance of continuing non-enforcement, interagency work and using technology to reduce collisions.
- Ms. Ekstrand advocated for the use of data and analysis to develop effective solutions.
- Capt. Dillman spoke in favor of a holistic approach to traffic enforcement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17PM.