

Annual Committee Briefing Police Advisory Committee



**Mayor and City Council Work Session
Monday, November 14, 2016**

Mission

The mission of the City of Gaithersburg Police Advisory Committee is to facilitate the flow of information between the community and the Police Department.

Members of the Police Advisory Committee serve as the voice of the community they represent and are proactive in finding solutions to problems facing not only their community but to all residents of Gaithersburg.

Actions

1. Volunteer Organization
2. Liaison between the community and the police department
 - a) Bidirectional communication
3. Goals
 - a) Positive and productive citizen-police relationship
 - b) Community education – feedback to department
4. Quarterly Meetings
 - a) Bohrer Park Activity Center
 - b) Other community facilities

History

The Police Advisory Committee was established by the Mayor and City Council in late 1998. The committee was initially comprised of 15 members from the community and was formed to facilitate the flow of information between the community and the Police Department.

Committee member Charles Ferrell is the last remaining original member.

Legislation:

- Resolution No. R-78-98 (Establishment)
- Resolution No. R-76-10 (Renaming from Police Chief's Advisory Committee)

Membership

- Andrew Bove, Deer Park Place
- Charles Ferrell, East Deer Park
- Carol Martin, Washingtonian Village
- Doug Wagner, Olde Towne
- David Weber, Kentlands
- Joshua Fischer, Park Station
- Ty Hardaway, Kentlands
- Current vacancies in many neighborhoods)
- Officer Dan Lane, Community Services Officer
- Chief Mark Sroka
- Council Member Robert Wu, City Council Liaison



Discussion Topics

Topical

- Body worn cameras
- Marijuana legislation
- Active Shooter
- Video Surveillance

Local

- Parking Regulations and Enforcement
- Traffic Safety
- New Police Station
- Citizen Police Academy
- Neighborhood Watch

National

- National Night Out
- Drug Take Back Events

Partnerships

- Gaithersburg Police Foundation
- Lakeforest Mall

Looking Forward

1. Expanding our outreach

- a) Social media - NextDoor.com
- b) City HOAs in underrepresented neighborhoods
- c) Solicit input in community
- d) Transparent communications

2. Continued education

- a) Emergency and non-emergency
- b) Animal Control
- c) Parking enforcement

Interest

- Gaithersburg residents interested in joining the Police Advisory Committee should submit a letter of interest to City Council Member Robert Wu, Committee liaison or Officer Dan Lane, Police liaison.
- Letters of interest are reviewed by the Committee and are submitted to the Mayor and City Council for appointment.
- Each member of the committee serves as a volunteer and holds a two year term. For more information, please contact Officer Dan Lane, Community Services Officer and Committee Staff Liaison at 301-258-6168 or via email at dlane@gaitthersburgmd.gov

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