

Canton, Georgia

*110 Academy Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Final

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

6:30 PM

City Hall

Public Safety Citizen Advisory Bd

1. Call to Order

Present: Dwayne Waterman, Tracye Busbee, Richard Kalasky, Chief Merrifield, Will Carlan and Billy Peppers

Kalasky called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes from July 20th Meeting

- A. Public Safety Citizen Advisory Board Draft Minutes - July 20, 2021 - Attachment 2A

Attachments: [Minutes - Public Safety Citizen Advisory Board - July 20, 2021](#)

Waterman moved to approve the 7/20/2021 minutes. Seconded by Busbee and unanimously approved.

3. Discussion of Upcoming Police Department Events

Merrifield gave an update on upcoming Police Department events: Multicultural Festival planning meetings on August 12 and 15, Career Expo on August 18, Roving Roll Call at Harmon on August 18, Virtual Read with a Cop on August 20, Coffee with a Cop at Whitetail Coffee on August 24, Facebook Live on August 26, Multicultural Festival on September 4, and the start of the Citizens Police Academy on September 7.

4. Discussion of Mission and Goals**5. Discussion of Community Outreach**

Under the topic of community outreach, Kalasky noted a desire to see more officers at events in the City, the board sharing social media of PD events to a broader audience, and the board participating itself at events.. Waterman noted the importance of highlighting individual's positive personal experiences with our police department, making sure the board has a good foundation on its purpose, and that all board members should go through a Citizens Police Academy, even if it is a more concise version. Busbee noted the need to collect and gather information from the public and from the City for being a better ambassador, collecting contacts at events, working on the same page related to communication, looking at additional training (such as active shooter training), and perhaps a welcome package or gift to new residents.

Carlan noted the importance of success stories, such as extra patrols at churches, perhaps a scavenger hunt to meet the department, improving literature and upcoming events.

Merrifield will work to keep the board updated on events, look into a shortened citizen's academy, and additional community training activities.

6. Adjourn

Busbee moved to adjourn. Waterman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.