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Minutes of the Community Police Advisory Committee Meeting
March 3, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.
Law Enforcement Center

	<u>Members' Term Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	<u>End of Current Term of Office</u>
Members Present:		
Sheila Murray, Chairperson	(17-01)	02/03/20
Eric Harris, Vice-Chairperson	(16-05)	02/19/22
Karen Petree	(06-00)	10/12/21
Jill Miller	(14-07)	03/17/20
Dennis Adams	(05-00)	03/26/22
Dr. Charles Hayes	(01-00)	03/03/22
Members Absent:		
Charles Davis	(02-02)	03/11/22
Dennis Dornhoffer	(04-02)	11/26/21
Pat Jones	(03-02)	12/10/21

Council Members

Present: Marty Novak

Staff Present: Chief Connally
Commander Protzman
Captain Protzman
Captain Eaton

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Item 1 Call to Order

Chair Sheila Murray called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Chair Murray introduced new member Dr. Charles Hayes.

Councilman Marty Novak introduced Carol Dunn who will be replacing outgoing member Jill Miller whose term is up this month.

Item 2 Approval of Minutes

Chair Murray asked if everyone reviewed the December meeting and if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Chair Murray moved to approve the minutes. No motions were made.

Item 3 Discussion of Community Concerns

Chief Connally advised of the upcoming Joint Citizens Academy March 24th – May 19th on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. There are openings still available for anyone interested. Applicant forms are available at the Police Department.

Item 4 Interaction with Police Department

Chief Connally updated members on the progress of the signs to deter citizens from supporting panhandling and instead encourage them to help more by giving to a local charity. MODOT has agreed to post a few signs at key locations in the city.

Chief Connally spoke about issues the Police Department is experiencing in the Harris-Kemper neighborhood, specifically the apartments at 1601 Faraon. This is an area where HUD vouchers are given to the homeless to live there, yet there is no HUD oversight. The department is working on addressing the police-related issues in this area.

Chief Connally gave an updated crime statistics report and presented members with a copy of the St. Joseph Police Department 2019 Annual Report that included the statistic chart and a detailed overview of the happenings within the department during 2019.

Vice-Chair Harris inquired about the progress on the Police Department moving to secure radio channels. Chief Connally advised this transition would cost an additional \$200,000 that we do not have at this time.

Captain Eaton discussed Patrol Division projects to help deter crime to include the retail store project for shoplifters, bike patrol project for extra crime enforcement, helicopter project for stolen and fleeing vehicles and the Urban Mission project for the homeless.

Vice-Chair Harris inquired about red and yellow-tagged structures in town in relation to the homeless taking up residency in them. Captain Eaton advised that this was part of the project Patrol has been working on in conjunction with Code Enforcement. Chief Connally added that the recent addition of the building registry requirement that enforces a \$300 fee every six months that a structure is vacant should help reduce these issues as well.

Commander Protzman discussed initiatives the Detective Division has taken to better serve the needs of the department and community as well as deter crime to include a structure change in detective assignment districts and stolen auto projects. He added that the CSI unit continues to keep very busy with the demands of responding to crime scenes and handling evidence.

Vice-Chair Harris inquired about the recent barber shop shooting at 24th and Messanie. Commander Protzman explained that this was an incidence where there were uncooperative victims who even denied that a shooting occurred, which inhibits the ability to press forward with charging anyone with a crime. Carol Dunn inquired about whether or not officers continue monitoring these types of people who are known to carry firearms. Commander Protzman confirmed that we do and that we place extra patrols in these problematic areas.

Dennis Adams advised of a recent incident at his business, Adams Jewelry, where a female entered the store twice in what appeared was going to be a robbery attempt. When the female saw Dennis was carrying a firearm, she motioned to subjects outside as if she was calling off the attempt. Dennis received a phone call from an out of state agency inquiring about the incident and advised that a group had been targeting robberies on jewelry businesses along I70.

Captain Protzman gave an overview of the Support Services Division initiatives to include keeping the community crime map updated and the addition of three new neighborhood watch groups and established email addresses for the watch groups for enhanced two-way communication between citizens and the department. Captain Protzman noted that the number of 911 and non-emergency calls were up nearly 2.5% from 2018, as were the processed calls for service. Captain Protzman added that the Communications Center are actively in the process of adding four new dispatch consoles with an additional two consoles requested in the 2020 budget.

Item 5 Old Business

None

Item 6 Unfinished Business

Councilman Novak advised that Chief Connally was selected to be the Interim City Manager.

Jill Miller thanked everyone for giving her the opportunity to serve on the board the past few years.

Chair Murray advised that Vice-Chair Harris would be running the June meeting in her absence.

Item 7 Adjourn: 7:50 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted.

Capt Jennifer Protzman

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